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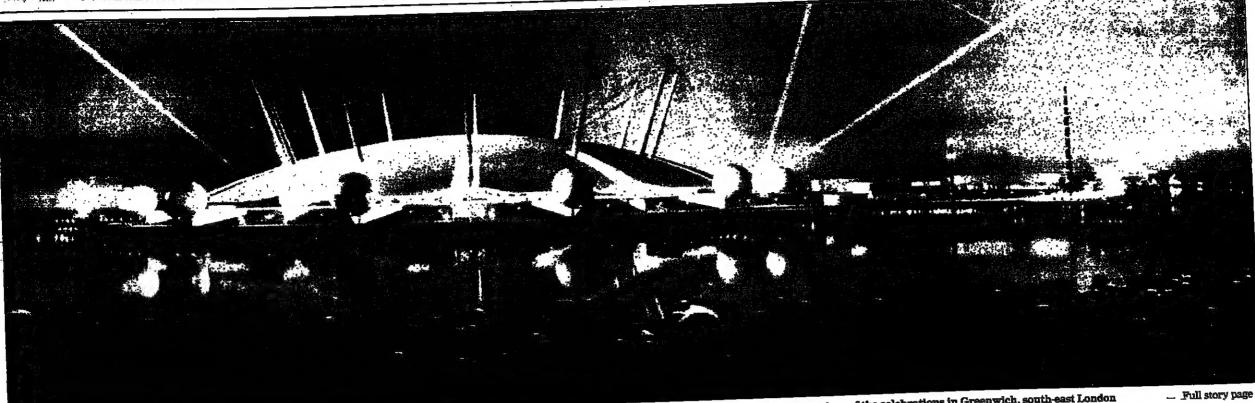
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Leonard Cohen and life in revolutionary Cuba

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Details of the millennium dome, as tall as Nelson's Column and big enough to hold 13 Albert halls, were unveiled yesterday. The structure will be the centrepiece of the celebrations in Greenwich, south-east London

Ridings closesas

HE efforts of the Education Secretery inspectors, the local education authority and beachers to restore order at the Ridings in Haiffax blew up in their faces yesterday as the school was closed after a near-riot and assaults on two teachers. In the first shutdown of its kind for 20 years, Calderdale education officials abruptly closed the 600 pupil comprehensive to secure the safety of the diligieur and staff and began talks on installing a toughar headteacher and management team.

management team.

The decision came only an hour before the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teach. ers announced a unanimous strike vote by their al Ridings members, who claim that 50 violently disruptive pupils have made their job impossible. As the school drifted in the property of the school drifted in the school d ible. As the school drines towards closure, they met in the staffroom after the alleged assaults. Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said he would give notice of strike unless disruptive pu-



pils were expedied. He and officials are new combing dosslers on the 80 children to see which they will demand to be permanently excluded.

"A number of youngsters must go in order for basic order to be restored. If we

don't get that, any teaching is impossible."
Two days of concentrated disruption led by a core of 12 pupils had coincided with an emergency inspection by the Office for Standards in Education agreed by Gillian Sheption, ordered by Gillian Sheption, ordered by Gillian Shep-hard, the Education Secre-tary. Damage, verbal abuse and refusal to obey teachers' instructions culminated in the flinging of books at a male staff member and the pinch-ing of a famale teacher's bottom.

During the emergency union meeting there were fur-ther disturbances at the 11-16 school, which is an unhappy school, when is an unhappy two-year-old merger of two rival comprehensives serving three council estates. Chil-dren were summoned to an assembly at 2.15µm and given letters from Calderdale education department explaining tion" had taken hold at the schools and the safety of pupils and stain could no longer be

guaranteed.
Headmistress Karen Stansfield and her deputy resigned a month ago following a longrunning row over teaching and expulsions.

Inspectors from the Office or Standards in Education for Signdards in Education had warned her, the governors and Ian Jennings, Calderdale's chief education officer, that the school was "in danger of getting out of control" Mrs Shephard yesterday demanded action to secure the safety of the children and checks to enable staff to know the whereabouts of all numits.

pupils.
The Ridings' closure is the turn to page 2, column 6

Dole's finale: rock around the clock

HE embetded United States Republican presidential candi-date, Bob Dole,

The last time I fought round the clock for my country was in 1945, in Italy, he told a rally of supporters in Miami. "Beginning at noon [today] I will once again fight round for the clock for Ameri-ca's future."

As aides brushed aside questions about the stamina of Mr Dole, who is 73, the candidate girded himself for a punishing final onslaught against his Democratic rival, Bill Clinton.

From the factories of Ohio and Michigan, through the blue grass of Kentucky, in the towns and neighbourhoods of the mid-west, across the the mid-west, across the Rocky Mountains, through the cities and streets of California — I will give it all I've got," he said to loud cheers.

Mr Dole's efforts — which are due to kick off at noon today to the soundback of

today to the soundtrack of Bill Halay's Rock Around The Clock — will set a campaign record, beating Mr Clinton's so-hour tour across 10 states on the eve of the 1992 election.

The last-ditch effort came as the latest Reuter poll found Mr Clinton's lead diminishing. The poll, which has so far been the kindest to Mr Dole, had the president with 41.9 per cent; Mr Dole with



Bob Dole kicks off his punishing tour in Florida

billionaire, Ross Perot, and vancing to 8.6 per cent.

The late surge by Mr Perot could alter the dynamics of what was a stagnant race, according to strategists, creating a narrow opening for ating a narrow opening for Mr Dole.

Mr Dole.

Mr Clinton. The Mr Clinton. The four will focus on those, hoptour will focus on those, hopting to generate a new wave of publicity for Mr Dole just as voters make up their minds. The Reuter poll found 13.4 per cent undecided.

The Republican campaign spokesman, Nelson Warfield, spokesman, Nelson Warfield.

34.2 per cent and the Texan states where his aides say he is within striking distance of warding to 8.6 per cent.

Mr Clinton. The marathon

spokesman, Nelson Warfield, said yesterday that Mr Dole

'The last time I fought round the lieve in keeping the White House above partisan politics clock for my country was in 1945 in Italy. Beginning at noon I will once again fight for America's future. From Ohio to the blue grass of Kentucky, I'll give it all I've got'

Republican candidate Bob Dole

piece rallies to "spontaneous, less structured events" — appearing at bakeries and police precincts in the middle of the night as part of a highly flexible guerrilla campaign for the presidency. Only one stop has en arranged for showers and a change of clothes.

Mr Dole's plane — the Citizens Ship — does not have a bed, and the candidate will sleep in his chair, Mr War-field said. 'Tm much more concerned about the staff than I am about the candidate," he added.

Yesterday Mr Dole cam-paigned in Florida, Georgia and Ohio, stepping up his and Ohio, stepping up his attacks on the integrity of the Clinton White House. "This campaign's about telling the truth." he said in Tampa. "I keep my word, I'm not Bill Clinton," he added to

He was joined by his wife, Elizabeth, and by former president George Bush, once his bitter rival. "What matapplause. ters now is the integrity of the White House," Mr Bush said, putting aside the 1988 Republican primary contest, in which Mr Dole accused the

Mr Dole is sharpening his focus, delivering his speeches with more energy and verve, and honing his wit. Yesterday he said: "Today is Halloween, all the kids dressing up and doing scary things — that's what they do in the White House every day."

Mr Bush accused Mr Clin-ton of using the White House for partisan purposes. "I be-

and away from these puny disputes we're seeing," he said, implicitly referring to said, implicitly referring to brewing controversies over donations to the Democratic Party from people with ties to Indonesia, Taiwan and other foreign interests.

He added: "Bob Dole is the person to lead this country into the next millennium. What it's about is leadership we need somebody to

... We need somebody to restore the respect to Amer-

ica around the world." would now shift from big, setthen vice-president of lying
would now shift from big, setpiece rallies to "grantaneous" shout his manual of lying Clinton is sticking to safe campaign themes. With an eye to the finish line, he was campaigning in Arizona, a traditionally Republican state where polls suggest a close race. Later yesterday, he made quick campaign stops in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Oakland, California.

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Rushdie snubs prize after Danes' ban

"It is vital not to allow governments comes seven years after Iran issued a fatwa on Mr Rushdie to behave in such a cowardly way'

Richard Norton-Taylor

CALMAN Rushdie has ALMAN Rushdie has not been short of literary prizes. The Booker, the Booker of Bookers, the Whithread Novel award, an award from the Writers' Guild of Great Britain, a French award for best foreign book. Now he has been honoured by the EU, winning its Aristeion literary prize for his latest novel, The Moor's Last est novel. The Moor's Last Sigh Mr Rushdie was invited by the EU to receive it next

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month in Copenhagen, this year's European cultural cap-ital. The trouble is the Danish

government has refused to allow him in to accept it.

Mr Rushdie was told about the ban after being summoned to the Foreign Office yesterday. It was "amazing", he said, adding that arrangements to receive the prize on ne sain, adding that arrangements to receive the prize on November 14 had just been finalised, with the approval of the Danish police. The decision — which last night provoked an angry reac-

tion from Lord Gowrie, chair-

after the publication of The Satanic Verses. He has even visited Denmark many times since, once at the invitation of the Danish government. Just two days ago, he gave readings to 1,500 people in Vienna at a meeting which had

been heavily publicised. It was vital, he said yesterday, not to allow governments to behave in such a "craven and cowardly way". He said he would refuse to accept the £16,000 prize he has jointly won with Christoph

Ransmayr, the Austrian claion to prevent him from author of Morbus Kitahara, receiving the prize was taken about three war survivors.

Gleon Hoddle faces

controversy as his

decision to include Paul Gascoigne in

do likewise. Lord Gowrie described the Danish move as a "very regrettable over-reaction". It was scarcely credible, he said, that the Danes, fellow members of the European Commu-nity, could not provide Mr Rushdie for a brief time the

security which has protected him in Britain. Lord Gowrie is writing a protest to Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and the Danish ambassador. The Danish embassy yesterday said it could not comment. Mr Rushdie was told the de-

for security reasons. Comment and Letters, 8 Obituaries, 10

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the England squad is set to be backed

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Sketch

Great Pumpkin



Simon Hoggart

when ghouls and ghosts and ogres stalk the land, gnashing their teeth, rattling their chains and causing good citizens to scurry home and lock themselves indoors.

But then the House of Commons is like that most of the time. Yesterday, as well as being weird and spooky, the place was feverish as well. This was entirely the result of a single opinion poll, from Mori, the one which said that the Labour lead was back to 28 percentage points.

witching with excitement, like hyperactive children who've been told that Christ-mas isn't cancelled after all. The Tories were much gloomier and Mr Major did what he always does when he is rat-

ever so slightly camp. Some Labour crawler stood up (I have an awful fear that there will be just as many on there are on the Tory benches now. If Blair wins, at his first Question Time as prime minister he will be asked: "Does he not agree that since his election five days ago the pros pects for the British economy have been magnificently transformed?"). The trainee greaser managed to work his way round to Labour's new

slogan: "Enough is enough The Great Pumpkin replied "Well, I must say!" he said pet ulantly, "I certainly think that enough is enough with abourd sloganising like that!" (So unlike the Tories' calm contribution to rational debate, such as the red Hallow e'en eyes, and their new slogan: "That Tony Blair, what a tosser!" — I made that one up, to help raise the tone of their

There was a new Majorism. too. A headless nun (Elizabeth Peacock, C, Batley) asked about businesses in Yorkcongratulate successful innovation in Yorkshire busi-

undoubtedly many of them have been very successful." Mr Blair asked about the ef ban. He has now established a fixed pattern for his

The first is conversational. apparently a genuine request for information. The second is auter, as if he is trying to restrain the hubble of his anger. The third is full of untrammelled fake rage, and ends with the crucial soundbite: "To bring direction and purpose back to Britain, let the British people decide, and let this weak and vacillating

Government go!"
Tories now boo and jeer the soundbite, it having finally dawned on them that it usually makes the Six o'clock news. But because they are not quite clever enough, they don't realise that the jeering actually makes the soundbi work better, making Mr Blair appear tough and courageous.

Mr Major relapsed into his fey "ooh get-her" mode. "Pre-packaged, irrelevant, juvenile sloganising." he said. "You should give up this matinee performance on beef, and star dealing with the matters we deal with daily."

That, of course, is precisely what Mr Blair hopes to do quite soon. It's a phenomenon I have often noticed: prime ministers come to believe that because they work at the coal face of governance, no one else bas a right to an opinion.

Earlier Mr Blair had got Mr Major bang to rights. Back in June the Prime Minister told us that — thanks to his guts and determination — the beef ban would be lifted before November. Mr Blair pointed out that November was now upon us, and the ban was still

"You have misunderstood . . you should do more research before asking ill-ad-vised questions," he peeved. offering instead an explanation of baffling complexity. Mr Graham Riddick, the first Kash for Kwestions MP. (when he comes trick-or-treat-

ing, you give him an envelope full of money or he kicks your milk bottles) rose to boot-lick. Sallow, hollow-cheeked and grim, Mr Riddick would terrify children anywhere. Thank heavens he was off the

Police officers who rescued victims of football disaster win battle for compensation in appeal court

Ghouls spook the Fury at Hillsborough ruling



Phil Hammond, secretary of the families support group, with a picture of his dead son Philip

One father was at the

all the police were like

two policemen who helped

Philip ... I don't have any-

The support group will

consider what further

action to take. But many are distillusioned with the

legal process, and con-vinced that the rescue ser-

vices were ill prepared. Mr Hammond said: "The griev-

ing will go on for us until

thing against them."

'There's one rule for police and another for fans'

Peter Hetherington

SEVEN years after the Hillsborough disaster. Phil Hammond is still haunted by unanswered questions surrounding the death of his 14-year-old son,

they found him in a tun-Mr Hammond tify the body. That awful

contributions will

top up deficits in

VERY man, woman and child in Britain could be forced to subsidise \$20,000 worth of pension

liabilities in other EU states if

Britain ioins a single Euro pean currency on the present terms, John Major and Tony

Blair were warned yesterday.

In a report condemned a

alarmist by ministers and the European Commission, the Labour MP, Frank Field, led

the all-party Commons Social Services Select Committee in

warning that pensions could be a national asset in danger of being frittered away.

other EU states

Michael White

Political Editor

MPs claim British Pension gap

recalled. "At first they couldn't open the door and they had to find the driver.

his throat and eventually he started to 'pink up'." About half an hour later Philip junior.

'He was one of the first in Mr Hammond, secretary of an ambulance that day, the Hillsborough Families Support Group, had to iden-

Penalon contribution gap as a % of GDP (difference between a penalon contribution rate that would not

25

1.8

the UK's outstanding public

pensions liabilities are sub-stantially below those of

other EU members, there would be a risk that if the UK

joined a single currency, Brit-ish taxpayers could be called

upon to help finance the pay-as-you-go pension obligations of other EMU members."

Treasury ministers insisted

increase pension debt and the

Once they got inside, there was no mask for the oxygen

but they put a tube down

event put the Appeal Office supervisor, was yes-Court's decision in perspec-tive: "The police might have a hard job, but it was families involved. of our age from some of the families involved. twice as hard for us to iden-

He said he felt sickened by the decision, "Gutted, you could say. I did not think they could win it. When we tried to take legal nored him. I am not saying a like the molice was at the watch with his 14-year-old son. "He was pleading with a policeman to open the gates and he just wouldn't take any notice, just ignored him. I am not saying action we had to prove we had suffered psychological one rule for the police and another for the rest. Fans in football shirts were doing exactly the same job as policemen in uniform some were doing more. They helped the injured.

"The cause of all this was lack of police control and yet they are getting com-

pensation. That is just not right." Mr Hammond, a Post

forced by Germany's pro-

posed "stability pact" against

reckless spending. Eurosceptics like John Red-

wood and the Bruges Group

piled to to back the report. Britain has £600 billion

worth of pension rights which are fully financed by contri-

butions against only £230

billion worth of pay-as-you-go pension commitments to pub-

lic sector employees, the

report said.

That adds up to far bigger pensions pot than the rest of

the EU put together, most of

sums total £10,000 billion

Europe-wide,

OUR police officers traumatised rescu-ing victims of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster won their battle for sation in the Court of

Appeal yesterday.
By a two-one majority, the court overturned a High Court ruling 18 months ago that the men were not entitled to damages for post-traumatic stress disorder because they were "bystanders", not res-

yond the call of duty. Yesterday's decision angered the victims' families. most of whom had compensation claims turned down be cause they were not on the scene or were not related closely enough to the victim. Ninety-six fans were killed in the football ground disaster.

The ruling will rekindle de-mands for reform of the law on psychiatric injury, criticised as "unnecessarily restrictive" by the Law Com-mission. The law lords rejected compensation claims by 15 out of 16 families in a test case in 1992, ruling that close family tie who saw the disaster could claim damages.

year, the commission provi sionally recommended that tives should no longer be limited to cases where they wit

The appeal court judges said Inspector Henry White and PCs Anthony Bevis, Ed-Glave were exposed, by the admitted negligence of South Yorkshire police, to "excessively horrific events likely to cause psychiatric iliness even by Sergeant Janet Smith, who was not at the ground but dealt with bodies at a hospital

mortuary, was dismissed. Actions brought by the five were seen as test cases for 17 other officers who dealt with bodies in mortuaries.

a total of £1.2 million agreed damages from insurers for South Yorkshire police, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, and the club's engi-neers. Damages for the four who won yesterday are likely to be agreed in the same way.

Their claims were initially rejected because they dealt with fans on the pitch, not inside the spectator pens where many were crushed. Only Mr Bairstow is still in the force. The others have been retired

The Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, the club, and its engineers were refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. But Assistant Chief Constable Martin Davies said the police would ask the law lords for leave to appeal.

The officers' solicitor, Simon Allen, said the deci-sion "shows the courts recognise that members of the emergency services deserve the same protection from the Law as members of the public. They are not cannon fodder".

Lord Justice Rose, sitting with Lords Justices Henry and Judge, said PC Glave, who was on duty at the ground and stayed until 1,30am belping to move bodies and obtain first aid, was affected by the enormity

of the tragedy.

Inspector White pulled people out of the crush and saw blue faces at the perimental people of the crush and saw blue faces at the perimental people. ter fencing. Two were obvi-ously dead. Another victim was a 15-year-old boy whose nirways he tried to keep open. PCs Bairstow and Bevis

were called to the scene to help and were entitled to compensation as rescuers. PC Bairstow assisted in giving a boy heart massage. PC Bevis tried to resuscitate a man and a boy, but both were dead. Trevor Hicks, chairman of

the Hillsborough Families Support Group, described the ruling as "very disturbing" for victims' relatives. Mr Hicks, who was at the stadium and lost his two daughters, told BBC Radio 5 Live's Magazine programme that victims on the pitch and with | the ruling opened the floodgates for "everybody in a uni-Another 14 officers who were form being a victim

First night

Indelible image given savage twist

Michael Billington **Happy Days** Almeida Theatre

ERE she is again: Beckett's Winnie in Happy Days buried first up to her neck and then her waist is earth. It is one of the indelible images of modern theatre, but it is given a savage twist in Karel Reisz's production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin, in sises not just Winnie's stoicism and courage but the stark nature of her

In the first act Linehan is all breezy Dublin determination. day" warmly, relishes the ritual of her morning toilette as she fishes toothbrush and mirror out of her capacious handbag and talks of the un-likelihood of ever coming to the end of her own resources. This, you feel, is a woman determined to keep up her stan-dards in a tight corner.

She even views with gentee distaste the way her partner, Willie, spreads his mucus-stained handkerchief on top of

his bald pate. But Reisz and Linehan between them make Winnie's progressive entombment ber from previous productions. By act two there is a smell of terror in the air. Winnie's hair now hangs loose and uncombed, she cries out in desperation as she relives a nursery tale in which a mouse runs up a child's leg, and there is actual pain when she claim "my neck is hurting me". Beneath the fortitude there is suffering, and as Willie

SCIENTISTS in north Lon-don used a combination of

gut feelings and outck think-

Medical Journal today that

outbreak of food poisoning.

Tim Radford

sprawls on the earthen mound unavailingly trying to reach her, you sense the impossibility of real contact.

Some productions of Happy Days stress Winnie's cheerful-ness in adversity, but here the prevailing sense is of the sadness and cruelty of the human

Beckett implies that we use words, memories, snatches of old song. daily rituals to beat back the fear of extinction. We end up, however, immured, alone, terrified, unaware perhaps of the expiration of our lifelong partner. Gloomy? Depressing:

Strangely not. Only bad art lowers the spirits. But there is something bracing about drama that confronts the extremities of the human

Beckett weaves a peculiar magic out of Winnie's arbitrary confinement. Even the way she calls up her memory of the classics suggests that the human spirit is not extin-

guished easily.
Linehan, who brings out the
Irish speech rhythms inherent in the language, is up
there with the best interpreters of the role. She declines from Foxrock matron to panic stricken prisoner without ever suggesting total defeat. Barry McGovern as Willie also emerges clearly as a wal-rus-moustached Victorian relic trying vainly to reach out

to his habitual partner. The image of Happy Days is an irremovable part of the theatrical landscape, and Reisz's production catches precisely both the integrity of Beckett's vision and the musicallty of his language. This review oppeared in

the US hunted down an agent

that was spreading sickness abroad. They homed in on a

kosher savoury snack im-

ported from Israel

later editions vesterday.

Scientists track down outbreak

of poisoning to Israeli snack

Britain, Canada, Israel and Jewish surnames

Piper pays for his tune

piper of Hampstead Heath got scant sympa-thy from the College of Piping north of the border last night, after he was fined £45 for disrupting the "quiet enjoyment" of north London's public. David Brookes, aged 49,

three times spurued an offi-cial offer of a licence to play in a bandstand. He said he would buy a bicycle and continue practising his art in the open air, "They'll just have to catch me," he added.

Staff at the Public Health Laboratory Service in Colin-dale noticed that between De-But a spokeswoman at the college, which teaches cember 1994 and January 1995 the subject in Glasgow, there were 27 cases of Salmo-Medical Journal today that nella agona food poisoning public health laboratories in and many of the children had

"People in Scotland have the same problem all the time and resolve it somehow without going to court.

They come to an arrangement with neighbours, or they join a pipe band."

Mr Brookes said he had played on the heath for 20 years. He had been given nerwission to do so He was permission to do so. He was "completely surprised" at the han, because social workers were allowed to distribute condons there. "Maybe the social workers will use the condoms to put over their heads and muffle the sound of the bag-

pipes," he said. Facing Hampstead magistrates, he relied on the de-fence that bagpipes were again. He's always on to us trying to get support. He's a pain in the neck. not a musical instrument

Charlie a man was found guilty of treason and hanged, drawn and quar-tered because the court found his bagpipes were a weapon of war."

This argument drew the pipers' equivalent of a rasp-berry from the Glasgow college. The spokeswoman said the Disarming Act, which made this ruling after the battle of Culloden, was repealed centuries ago. was repeated centuries ago.

"They are certainly a musical instrument, if played
properly," she said. And if
Mr Brookes still felt hard
done by, he should bear in
mind that a Perth man had
recently been forced to are.

because of rancour over his practising four hours a day in a semi-detached house. "The fact is that the man was not a very good player," she said.

recently been forced to emi-grate to the United States

Europe heads for pensions crisis a "no bail-out" clause in the benefits and raising contribu-massificht Treaty prevents any country subsidising an-other's debt, a claim rein-other's debt, a claim rein-france, Italy and Germany, "riots in the street" in France, Italy and Germany,

france, italy and Germany, the MPs say.

Quoting calculations approved by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and accepted by the Treasury yesterday, the report, Unfunded Pensions Liabilities in the EU, says unfunded pensions in Britain over the next 75 in Britain over the next 75 years is equal to just 19 per cent of gross domestic product. In France it is 98 per cent, in Italy 113 per cent and in Germany 139 per cent. That would require in-

creased contributions or savwhose pension commitments to future retirees are un-funded and therefore will be paid for by taxation. Some ex-perts last night claimed the age pension cuts, according to the International Monetary Fund. Pro-Europeans insist the gap is already being tack-led. The MPs say: "To suggest that such tough decisions will be made without huge political and social distortion strains credulity."

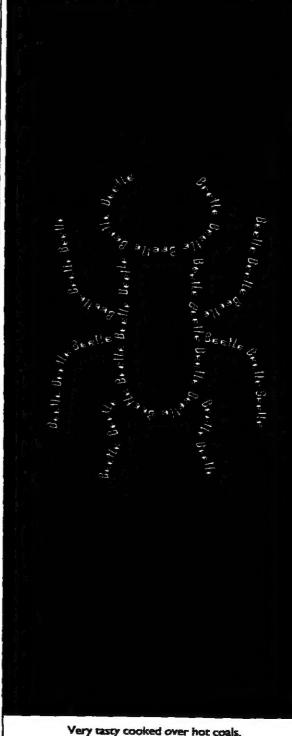
Attempts to head off a crisis after the post-war "baby boomers" start to retire after 2010 - by cutting pension

Ridings closes in near-riot

continued from page 1 first of its kind since 1976, when the Inner London Edu-cation Authority shut Willlam Tyndale primary school to regain control. Mr Jen-nings said he had asked councillors to convene the education special sub-committee after receiving news of a series of incidents at the school and a demand from the teachers for immediate

Linda McDermott, whose sons Dennis, aged 13, and Steven, 15, are excluded from the Ridings, condemned the closure as ridiculous. "The teachers are being pathetic they just don't seem to be able to cope," she said.

Governors were last night meeting at Rastrick high school, near Brighouse, whose headteacher Peter Clark has been approached to take over at the Ridings.



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Historic papers released



Irish brogue foiled British intelligence

Vast payments to informers failed to thwart the rebels,

writes Richard Norton-Taylor

RITISH intelligence failed miserably in its attempts to infiltrate the Irish republican movement after the 1916 unrising because its officers could not understand the broad accents of the Irish "peasantry", according to documents released yesterday.
The documents released at

the Public Record Office in-clude a valedictory report by Major Ormond Winter, direc-Major Ormond Winter, direc-tor of intelligence at Dublin Castle, lamenting the difficul-ties in munitoring the activi-ties of the first leaders of the IRA said Siza Fein, including the man be described as the "redoubtable" Michael Collins.

Winter's report, written in 1921, shortly before Collins signed the Anglo-Irish Treety, describes the problems of finding out "the plans and in-tentions of an underground organisation," and aren the color of beine of improvised guerrillas dressed in the garb



wrote, produced unsatisfac-tory results, parily because "microphones of English manufacture seem ill-adapted to the Irish brogue".

The documents — the oldest papers at the PRO to have been kept secret — include a leather-bound ledger listing payments made to Irish informers between 1888 and 1930. The money, paid out of the Secret Vote, averaged

about 2200 (26,000) at the end | on of the period

The affort largely came to nothing partly because of effective counter measures by the rebel leaders, including ruthless action against those suspected of spying for Winter

Surveillance equipment, he more than 210,000 annually in report "O" — also noted that twois, produced unsatisfactory results, partly because lent of about £300,000 in was inflitrated by IRA and microphones of English today's money. They fell to Sinn Fein spies, who reported British military

Outside Northern Ireland, he wrote, "the Protestant, both layman and clergy, did little to assist the forces of the Crown", while the majority of loyalists remained "inarticulate". He noted, too, that there were "no physical character-



The Irish peace delegation (pictured left) en route for ingland in 1921, including Sinn Fein founder Arthur Griffith (far left) and Eamonn de Valera (centre), and signatures on the

istics to distinguish the loyal-ists from the rebeis", and that "there are no means of distin-

Another problem was that the Irish were "of an intensely inquisitive nature He wrote: "It has been said that no European can fathom the mind of an Oriental, and it might equally be said that no Englishman can fully Police Special Branch offi-

Police Special Branch offi-cers, however, regularly attended meetings of republi-can leaders, including Eamonn de Valera. Arthur Griffith, the founder of Sinn Fein, and Countess Markie-vicz, who were arrested and deported to England in 1918 deported to England in 1918. The papers make clear that concerned about their apparently pro-German senti-ments, although they include a passage from a speech in August 1917 by Griffith, who said: "The difference between it [Sinn Fein] and parliamen-tarians was that one asked the people to trust in them selves, and the other asked them to trust in the British

Winter castigated the Brit-ish Government for declaring an amnesty after the 1916 Easter Rising, and regretted the lack of tougher action in ear-

But he added: "Repression could have broken the spirit of revolt but it is not a final solution to the Irish problem tial spy from any other days, seven hundred years ago, has grown into a boary handed, intolerable

> He concluded his report on a depressing note. "So long as oil will not mix with water, so long will the Roman Catholic remain irreconcilable with the Protestant of the North.

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World's biggest dome marks millennium Beef deal may

piece of the millen-nium calebrations, a huge dome described by one of its architects as a "friendly, flexible car-tais", were unveiled yes-terday, ending months of

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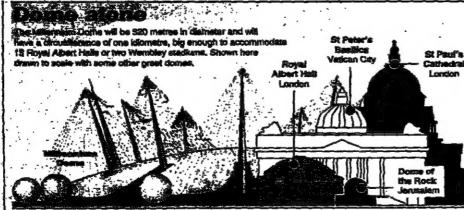
Details of the project, the largest domed structure of its kind in the world, were revealed as the Millennium Exhibition operating com-pany applied for planning permission to build on the 130-acre Greenwich Penin-sula site in south-east

The dome, designed by architects the Richard Rogers Partnership, will be 50 metres high, matching Nelson's Column, and 320 metres in diameter — big enough to hold two Wem-hiey stadiums or 13 Albert

halls.
The structure will consist of a strengthened industrial fabric, similar to PVC, stretched between a dozen 100 metre high steel masts. 100 metre bigh steel masts. This will provide an all-weather cover for 12 seg-ments, each containing a separate exhibition space devoted to a particular

aspect of time.

Barry Hartop, chief executive of the Millennium Exhibition, said: "Today is a milestone. We've come out and said this is what the Millennium Exhibition will look like. It's a signifi- 2,000 jobs for the construc- Partnership funding has yet



sent statement to the world that there is pride in the past and the future and in the achievements of the UE. The scale of the building establishes this as a mile world landmark. Diganisers hope the scheme will receive planning permission by the end of January, paving the way for a detailed amountement of plans for the interior of the exhibition. Which is being designed by those once the exhibition opens. It will be served by the extension to the Jubilee underground line. The exhibition will be able to receive 100,000 visitors a day, at a peak rate of January, paving the way for a detailed amountement of plans for the interior of the exhibition. which is being designed by the Imagination group. Nick Raynsford, Labour MP for Greenwich, said: The main structure is reminiscent of the Dome of Discovery in the Pestival of Britain in 1951. The con-

cept is very attractive and the design solutions are very appropriate for the setting. It will be a major crowd-puller."

The scheme will create

Ira B Nadel on Leonard Cohen in Cuba

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After an hour and half of interrogation, Cohen

convinced them he was not a spy but a fan of the

regime who wanted to be there. He and his captors

embraced, brought out the rum and started a party.

involve the largest condon since Reathrow abport was built. Seven thousand leaf-iers will be sent to local res-idents this week, with a further 80,000 over the next month. A public exhibition opens next week..

Yesterday's announce-ment was the first piece of good news for the organis-ers since Greenwich was chosen as the exhibition site. Nevertheless, doubts still surround the scheme.

lion has been pledged by the Millennium Commission, but £150 million from the private sector is still being ught. A leaked letter from the Imagination group to the Millennium Commisdon suggested costs may reach £800 million. Mr Hartop, who has been

cade, but there are no firm

plans for its use.

regions longer than others.
Whitehall officials stressed econded on a three-month contract from the Welsh Development Office to oversee the project, insisted yes-terday "the project will go ahead. It will open on 31 December, 1999". He revealed a further five companies had expressed an in-terest in participating. It is unclear what will become of the site after the year long celebrations. The structure, its designers say, will last for at least a de-

dent it will then get the back-ing of the other 14 EU countries to remove the ban in Northern Ireland. "The indications we have from the [EU's] Irish presidency is that the other governments would be ready to approve an agreement which led to the ban being lifted first in Northern

dence of BSE and a sophisti-cated computer identity sys-tem for all cattle, and it would be relatively easy to control cattle and beef movements from elsewhere in the UK.
With the EU summit in

lift ban from **Ulster first**

Ministers accept regional approach

John Palmer in Brussels and Michael White

THE Government is on the verge of an agree-ment with the European ban will be lifted in Northern Ireland before it is eased elsewhere, Brussels sources signalled last night.

Ministers now accept that the only way a start can be made on lifting the ban on British beef, imposed because of the link between BSE and the human disease Creutzieldi-Jakob disease, is to accept that it will continue in some

last night they are still seeking a "UK-wide solution". But Suropean Commission sources indicated that the Ministry of Agriculture is finalising pro-posals for the identification of BSE-free herds which are likely to be sent in the next few days to the commission for veterinary and scientific approval.

The Commission is confi-

Ireland," the commission source said. The province has a low inci-

Dublin six weeks away, the the Government agrees.

Irish government has made no secret that it would back an agreement lifting the ban

If a deal favouring Ulster is struck it will anger Scottish farmers whose herds also have less BSE than England's. That

has set its face against any deal which would mean regional lifting of the ban. While it insists on an agreepedes easy cattle movement.

which has by far the heaviest incidence of BSE - 160,000 compared with 10,000 in Northern Ireland.
According to commission

in the north. A deal could boost flagging support for John Major among the nine Ulster UnionIst MPs.

could pose a problem for the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, who has been impatient with the negotiating tac-tics of Douglas Hogg, the Agri-culture Minister. Until now the Government

ment which specifies mea-sures to certify herds clear of BSE throughout the UK, in practice only Northern Ire-land will meet all the conditions in the short term - not least because the Irish Sea im-Other governments will want to be satisfied that a method of identifying BSEfree heards is in place, as well as effective controls on the movement of animals within the country. That will take much longer in England,

ources, only about 1,500 cattle would have to be culled in Northern Ireland to fulfil the terms of the agreement reached by heads of govern-ment in Florence earlier this year. The agriculture com-missioner, Franz Fischler, has made no secret of his readiness to consider lifting the ban on a regional basis if

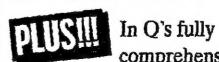
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Man jailed for carrying work knives

MAN who uses knives for his work in a newspaper distribution plant was jailed for two weeks yester-day after police found him carrying three of them in his

given the sentence even though magistrates at Marylebone court, central London, conceded that he was carry ing the knives for work and had no intention to use them

for "offensive purposes".

Payne is believed to be the first person jailed by magistrates using increased sentencing powers they received in July under the Offensive Weapons Act, rushed through Parliament after the stabbing of London headteacher Philip Lawrence.

Previously the maximum sentence they could pass was a £1,000 fine, although crown courts could sentence offenders to up to two years in

Payne told the court that he used knives at work to cut the straps around newspaper bundles and his employer did not provide a place to store them. Casual workers arriving without their own knives were often turned away be-cause the company did not

David Kennett-Brown told Payne: "I have to view your conduct in the light of the great public fear of people go-ing around with knives. "There is no evidence be-

fore me that you were into ing to use the knives for offensive purposes. Nevertheless three knives were found in your possession in a public

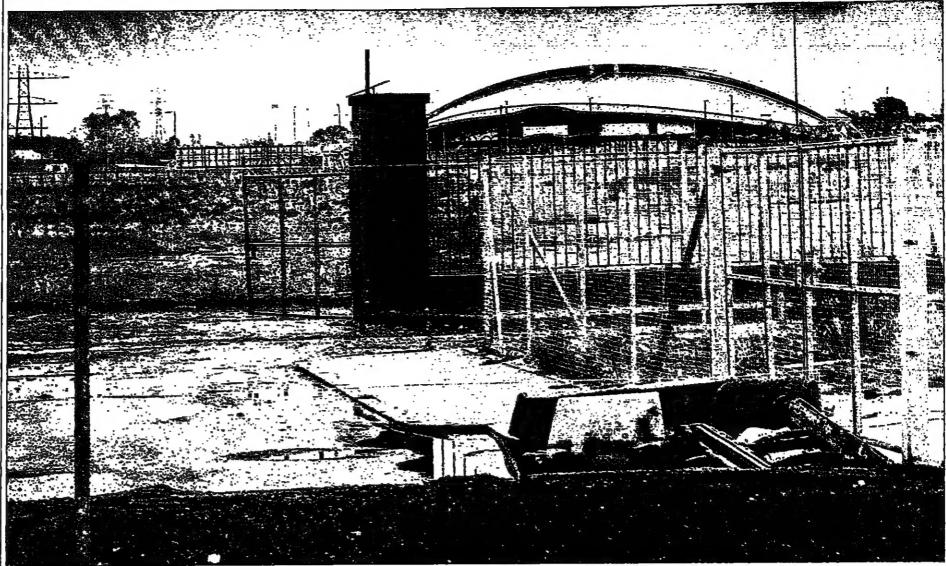
Payne, of Notting Hill, west London, was stopped on his way home from work by police two weeks after the new law was introduced. Offi-cers found a lock knife, a small printer's knife and a Stanley knife in his car.
Payne admitted that he had

been careless but said one knife was used for work, another was a spare and the third had been left in his car by a friend to whom he had given a lift after work. He admitted three counts of

illegally having bladed or pointed articles in his car. The court was also told that Payne had been convicted of possessing a knife as an offensive weapon when he was 18. His solicitor, Martin Lewis,

said that despite the recent publicity surrounding knives a person who used them for work should not be jailed for

Underdog Manchester fights back in battle with London for national stadium project



The 146-acre site at Eastlands proposed by Manchester for the 80,000-seat stadium. The National Cycling Stadium occupies part of the site

nounced at the end of the

With the Manchester

rock band Oasis urging citi-

zens to "go with it" on the

sound system of an elaborate stage set in the town ball, an invited audience of

the great and good heard a

relatively precise details on funding of a £200 million,

80,000 capacity stadium -

sliding roof and all - that would plough profits into

the community through a

trust company which

would operate the venture. More than £100 million of

while the city has promised

Mackay pledge on civil justice

Clare Dyer

ROPOSALS for the most radical changes to the civil justice system for a century will be imple-mented within two years, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, pledged yesterday.

The promise of full funding

to implement the whole package drawn up by the Master of the Rolls, Lord Woolf, was welcomed by legal and con-sumer groups. Lord Woolf, who had been concerned that the Government might not commit the money needed, hailed the pledge as "good news for all those interested in improving our system of civil fustice"

The reforms, unveiled in July, aim to produce a "cul-ture change" in the civil methods of funding legal aid courts, leading to cheaper and | are introduced." speedier justice. A fast track will deal with cases up to £10,000, with strict timetables. and fixed costs for lawyers

tied to the value of the claim. A "multi-track" system for bigger cases will be tightly managed by judges to speed up cases and keep costs in proportion to the amount of

The Civil Procedure Bill, understand, and fairer."

Announcing the Govern-ment's strategy for introducing the changes, Lord Mackay said the system would be op-erational from October 1998. reforms should be regarded not as a single event, but as the initiation of a new direction in the culture of civil litigation," he said.

delay — until the reforms are brought in — the introduction of radical legal aid changes under which solici-tors and advice agencies will tender for block contracts to do legal aid work. "This will allow crucial proposals such as the fast track procedures to

The reforms will be master minded by Sir Richard Scott, head of the High Court's

Mackay's announcement. Its son, said: "The reforms will make the courts cheaper, more efficient, easier to



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plementing the reforms, had its first reading last week in

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Lord Mackay promised to

chancery division. The National Consumer Council welcomed Lord



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the House of Lords.

Mr Smith said.

comed the marked change in



Smith, shadow health secretary, yesterday told doctors fundholding should "evolve rather than be abolished. A Labour government would want sensible, not ideological, change to fundhold-ing and would "build on what is happening at the moment

His comments, in an address to the annual conference of the National Associa-tion of Fundholding Practices (NAFP), will be seen as an admission that Labour cannot continue to threaten to abolish a system that, from next April, is due to involve 56 per cent of all GPs in England and cover 58 per cent of its

ONDON faced a welter of

northern ridicule and

abuse yesterday as Man-

chester took the gloves off in the battle for a national

Stung by suggestions last

week that Wembley had ef-

GPs welcome

David Brindle, Social

population.

Mr Smith told the conference in Harrogate: "We are not zealous ideologues. I don't think you are either. Let's see if we can map out a sensible way forward." Association leaders wel-

lavish lottery-funded project - courtesy of endorse-

ments from the Football

Association, the Rugby

councillors, businessmen

and sportsmen combined to

push the case for a north-

Final presentations are to

be put to the Sports Council next Wednesday, and the

ern citadel.

League and athletics bodie

Chris Smith: fundholding had 'brought advantages'

Labour's tone. They promised to be flexible in turn, but warned they would not shift on a central demand that fundholders should keep control of a budget within their

own practice. Rhidian Morris, NAFP chairman, said: "That's the bottom line as far as we are concerned.'

Labour has strongly criti-cised fundholding since it was started in 1991 as part of the changes that ushered in the NHS market. Under the system. GPs who opt to be fund-holders replace local health authorities in buying hospital and community health care for their patients. Mr Smith acknowledged

"substantial advantages" in next April.

of computer technology.
"Most important, there has

been the advantage that fundholding has genuinely put GPs in the driving seat in relation to the planning and ordering of care for patients the balance of advantage between the primary sector and the hospital sector.

Labour would be issuing detailed plans in a month or so. "In preparing proposals for the future, we will want to see a process of evolution rather than revolution," he said.

Mr Smith referred particularly to multi-funds, by which fundholder practices combine forces and budgets — indicating Labour would not allow budgets to remain at the level

of individual practices.

Gerald Malone, Health Minister, later told the conference: "The opponents of fund-holding have learnt that when you are in a hole, you should stop digging. But they have yet to learn what to do

He upped the stakes on the issue by lifting a restriction that had prevented practices with fewer than 3,000 patients becoming "community fund-holders" — the entry level of the system. The change means many small practices fundholding had brought in rural areas can join from

terms of additional services GMC considers new guidelines and GPs' command of information and use for intimate examinations after madly in love with her doctor for intimate examinations after rise in complaints by patients

in the privacy of the surgery, the GPs' disciplinary body is to consider issuing guidelines over the conduct of intimate

former environment min-

ister and leader of a "Man-

chester marketing" initia-

tive, joked: "London? It's

not noted for staging

world class [sporting]

Manchester will not be

"A national stadium in

events, is it?

Labour seeks fundholding 'evolution'

that they should treat pa-tients considerately and feeling that stronger mea-

At a meeting next week, the council will decide whether to approve draft guidelines irawn up by its standards

Raising the spectre of a woefully ill-equipped capital. Sir David Trippler, a London's loss, it will be the nation's gain."

Lee Shostak, a stadium

LARMED by the number of patients who accuse their doc-tors of abusing them examinations.
The General Medical Coun-

cil aiready advises doctors respect their dignity and privacy, but with 20 complaints about the conduct of such exminations a year, there is a sures are required.

The GPs' own organisation, the British Medical Association, already suggests that its members invite patients due to undergo an intimate examination to bring along a chaperone. "Most doctors are much happier with that situa-tion because it safeguards them against any misinter-pretation of the examination

consultant from the United

States closely involved with

the Manchester design.

poked further fun: "Twin

towers? We've got 12. This

is simple, pragmatic, deliverable — not a fantasy."

Crucially, the Manches

and perhaps a complaint being brought against them." said a spokeswoman.

The BMA's advice is that any patient, male or female, being intimately examined by any doctor, male or female. should be chaperoned wherever possible — but this is not always possible to arrange in advance. "The patient may not be at all aware that they may have to have such an examination. Someone with a cough may be surprised the doctor wants to examine her hest, for example

Some doctors will attempt to co-opt the practice purse or but there is not always some body of the right sex available and the patient may object to the presence of someone they

do not know. But doctors and the bodies that represent them are increasingly aware of the peril they are in. The GP is no longer the ultimate authority figure who can do no wrong there have been too many dirty doctor stories, some with more justification than others, in the tabloid papers. Now, says the BMA, there is

even a recognised syndrome that can be all the unsuspect-

madly in love with her doctor and is so convinced he adores her in return that even when he suggests she switches to another GP she thinks it is to fur-

ther their relationship. It is not just another episode of Casualty to the hapless docior, says the BMLA. "Everyon is much more aware of it being a problem these days. said the spokesworum.

 A number of women are in tending to sue the Kent and Canterbury Hospitals NHS Trust, after a massive recreening exercise revealed that their cervical smear tests were not clear, as they had been told, but contained possibly pre-cancerous cells.
Up to 300 women, out of

more than 80,000 whose test slides were scrutinused by outside laboratories in the piggest ever re-checking exercise of its kind, were referred to specialists because of 'high-grade abnormalities''.

All but a bandful of those women have been traced and received treatment, the trust said yesterday. Most will have received laser treatment to prevent cancer from devel oping, but "a couple of cases" had required hysterectomies. Sarah Harman of Canterbury solicitors Harman and Harman said she had been contacted by a number of women. some of whom intended to sue

Blunkett mounts assault on school indiscipline

Labour's 10-point plan to tame tearaways

John Carvel Education Editor

10-POINT Labour plan to combat indiscipline in schools and tackle under-achievement by boys will be set out today by David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, in the wake of the closure of the Ridings School in Halifax

"We have to overcome what some call laddism — the be-lief that it is cool not to work," he will tell local education authority leaders and officials at a conference in

According to details released by party officials last night,the programme will in-clude sending 14- to 15-yearolds into the workplace for a day a week, providing them with role-model mentors from the local community, and re-invigorating youth movements, including the Scouts and Boy's Brigade.

"Groups of boys are deve

oping a culture of not work-

ing, of thinking it is acceptable to truant and misbehave.

Some of these young men end up carrying knives," Mr

against truancy would be required to prevent their drift

According to a recent Home Office survey, 78 per cent of boys and 53 per cent of girls who truanted subsequently committed criminal offences Labour's proposals for come-school contracts might help to nip that problem in the bud by creating a climate in which parents acted more

Sending boys for a day a week into the workplace or a college of further education would also awaken their interest inthe value of

Mr Blunkett wants to copy mentoring experiments in Basildon, Essex, and Lewi-sham, south London, where successful men come into schools to spend time with the boys and encourage enthusiasm for what they could chleve.

Blunkett will say. A drive | per cent of girls and 33.8 per cent of boys passed at least five GCSEs at grade C or above in 1995. This year 45:1 per cent of girls and 34.7 per cent of girls and 34.7 per cent of boys achieved that

school discipline today, Es-telle Morris, the Labour edulonger periods of exclusion for troublemakers and im-proved pupil-referral units to vigorously to combat non-attendance. give a better education to ex-cluded children.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teach ers, yesterday criticised two Labour MPs, Margaret Hodge and David Jamleson, who suggested that his union's campaign at the Ridings School was a recruiting exercise.
"I find that suggestion to be

at best infantile and at worst downright insulting," he said. "Teachers will be tearing Figures to be presented to the Salford conference will their hair out in desnair that show that the gender gap in GCSE exams widened this Labour politicians should be seeking to trivialise what has /ear.
At council-run schools, 43.8 over many years.

£25m fund to help rough sleepers

Vivek Chaudhary

EN local authorities are to be invited to apply for money from a new fund to tackle the problem of people the housing minister, announced yesterday.
Up to £25 million will be

up to 220 million will be made available to the authori-ties from the Rough Sleepers Revenue Fund as the Govern-ment widens its Rough Sleepers Initiative (RSI). Mr Curry also announced that an RSI zone will be cre-ated in Brighton, in addition to that in Bristol and another

The 10 authorities are Bath Bournemouth, Cambridge, Ealing in west London Exeter, Leicester, Manches-ter, Nottingham, Oxford and Richmond upon Thames.
They have been asked to submit propsals for extra

funding for outreach workers, hostels and other initiatives to help rough sleepers. The 10 were identified through a survey by Shelter, the charity for the homeless, to determine the numbers eping rough in 23 towns and cities. The survey, car-ried out on a single night,

Top independent schools back modular A levels

Donald MacLood Education Correspondent

ODULAR Alevels, easy" in the light of this summer's improved examination results, have been given a vote of confidence by the country's leading inde-pendent schools. The verdict from some of

the most academically suc-cessful schools is a major boost for the exam boards that have introduced modular A survey of 300 indepen-dent schools found pro-

grammes where students could take exam papers at in-tervals over their two-year courses led to marginally better grades — a quarter of a grade on average — but not grade on average — but not because they were easier. In some subjects the intel-lectual demands on students were felt to be tougher, sald James Miller, headmaster of Newcastle Royal Grammar

School, who carried out the

study for the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Confer-

Association and the Society of Headmasters and Headmis-tresses of Independent Schools. Together these bodies represent 10 per cent of all candidates taking A le-vels in the post common vels in the most common modular subjects.

The improvement comes from the fact that modular programmes are more stu-dent-friendly and lead to candidates working very much harder," said Mr Miller. They were popular with students and parents and had in-

and parents and nad in-creased the number of candi-dates. particularly in mathematics. He suggested the effects might be greater in schools where there was not already a strong work ethos.

where there was not already a strong work ethos. Responses from the head-teachers and senior staff sur-veyed were subjective, admit-ted Mr Miller. "But those individuals are than about individuals are very experienced, and in the main dis-tinctly sceptical about cur-rent fads and deeply committed to the maintenance of standards. Most started from a position that and Headmistresses' Confer-ence, the Girls' Schools was strongly opposed to mod-ular innovations."

Mary State

News in brief

Boost for volunteers in the community

ALMOST 3,000 neighbourhood groups are to be paid to meet each other and swap notes under a government initiative to reinvigorate local communities. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, yesterday announced grants of £200 towards the travelling costs of leaders of 1,400 groups and £50 towards the costs of another 1,400 who will act as hosts.

The grants will be the first tangible evidence of a new commitment by the Government to boost small, volunteer-led groups. Mrs Bottomley said: "Picking the brains and sharing the skills of another organisation that has been through the

the skills of another organisation that has been through the same process can often be the most effective way of improving performance." — David Brindle

Guernsey legalises abortion

GUERNSEY'S parliament yesterday voted by 34 to 20 to legalise abortion—the last area in the United Kingdom to do so. A 1910 law that made abortion punishable by life imprisonment was replaced by the States of Deliberation with new legislation that allows a pregnancy to be terminated up to the end of the 12th week, provided two doctors approve.

Numerous amendments were brought during the lengthy and emotional debate by pro-life politicians in an attempt to stop the

Spain holiday favourite

AUSTRALIA is the first country that British holidaymakers would like to visit if money were no object, but while it is, Spain, Greece and the Canary Islands remain the top choice, according of execution the Canary Islands remain the top choice, according to a Mori survey for the Association of British Travel Agents.

Of 800 people who had taken a package holiday in the previous 12 months, 41 per cent went to Greece, Spain and the Canaries. There were increases in the numbers heading for Turkey and Malta, and the top long-haul destinations were Australia, the US and the Caribbean. — Jeanette Page

Boy for trial on murder

A BOY aged 13 was committed for trial yesterday accused of murdering Jade Matthews, aged 9. The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, spoke only to confirm his identity during the hearing at Bootle, Merseyside. He was accompanied by his worker and storighton.

Jade's body was found by police on Sunday, July 7, beside a railway line at Bridle Way, Netherton.

Body in net: couple held

AN Essex couple were arrested yesterday in connection with the death of a man whose body was caught in the nets of a trawler fishing off Teignmouth, Devon, in July. The body is thought to be that of Ronald Joseph Flatt, aged 51, from Essex.

The couple were held in Woodham Walter, near Chelmsford, and were being taken to Torquay. — Geoffrey Glibbs

Inquiry into jail death

AN inquiry has been launched into the death of a teenage remand prisoner found hanging in his cell less than 24 hours after being admitted to Exeter prison. Neal Short, aged 19, was remanded in custody by Plymouth magistrates on Wednesday on charges of stealing a car, attempting to pervert the course of justice, and

driving while disqualified.

He was alone in the cell and a ligature of shoe laces around his neck had been tied to the bed. — Geoffrey Gibbs

Girobank

IN yesterday's Guardian it was wrongly stated that Girobank had reduced its base rate to 6 per cent. The base rate has actually been increased from 5.75 per cent to 6 per cent a year. We apologise for the error.

Bid to back terror law phone taps

Owen Bowcott and Richard Norton-Taylor

VIDENCE obtained by the police and in-telligence services during telephone tap-ping should be admissible in court in cases of national se-curity, a radical review of anti-terrorist legislation abroad.

urged yesterday.
The proposal, endorsed by MI5, the Royal Ulster Constabulary and Unionist politicians, is understood to be the subject of continued Whitehall infighting but could be added to the Government's

forthcoming Police Bill.

Begun earlier this year before the IRA abandoned its ceasefire, the Inquiry Into Legislation Against Terror-ism by Lord Lloyd of Berwick proposes replacing emergency laws with a permanent UK-wide act.

No-jury Diplock courts should be abolished, shorter periods of detention introduced for terrorist suspects and both exclusion orders and internment without trial removed from the statute

Such attempts to dismantle long-standing anti-terrorist powers — predicated on an end to violence in Northern Ireland — are intended to bring the UK more into line with the European Conven-tion on Human Rights.

But many of the most farreaching features concern ad-ditional powers for the police and security services in Brit-ain to tackle both foreign terrorist organisations— such as the Kurdish PKK—

and domestic groups. The UK has a responsi-bility not to allow its territory to be used as a base for vio-lent activity against a foreign government," Lord Lloyd declares. 'The fact that an organisation is proscribed as

Main points

New powers proposed:

☐ Telephone taps admissible for court cases.

☐ Broader definition of

objectives".

[] Membership of foreign

fences in UK.

terrorism as "use of serious

violence... to promote politi-cel, social or ideological

terrorist organisations or con-

spiracy to commit terrorism abroad to become criminal of-

a terrorist organisation will make life generally more difficult for its supporters in the

tional measure which the Government can take is to amend the law of conspiracy so as to facilitate the prosecu-tion of those who conspire here to commit terrorist acts

Civil liberties groups have voiced fears that direct action movements, such as the Animal Liberation Front or even anti-roads protesters, could find themselves defined as terrorist groups. The front, which has placed by the country of the country which has planted bombs, is specifically referred to in one

The report says the Government has embarked on a root and branch review of the law covering the interception of communications, including faxes and mobile phones. Pressure for reform has come from Lord Lloyd, MI5, the RUC and the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble. They believe the 1985 Interception of Communications Act prevents vital evidence obtained from telephone tapping being used in court.

Others in Whitehall, including, it is understood, Home Office officials, argue that allowing such evidence would alert terrorists to surveil-lance techniques. The law is presently anomalous — evi-dence from microphones and other bugging and listening devices can be used in criminal proceedings. Telephone intercepts cannot be revealed.

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, yesterday welcomed Lord Lloyd's report as the "framework for new, permanent counter-terrorism legislation" even if there was lasting peace in Northern Ire-land. But there was no comment on whether any of it would be incorporated into the Police Bill.

terrorists who give evidence

seainst former colleagues.



An example of Minccia Prada's 'naughty little sister' Min Min line shown in New York yesterday энотодван: мооявлномая

New York goes ga-ga for St Trinians look of 'Italian invasion' leader

kusannah Frankel

Powers to be droppe [] Shorter periods of deten-tion — four rather than seven days - permitted. ☐ Power of "internal exile" — known as exclusion orders —

☐ Power of internment without trial ended. Diplock courts discontinued. Trials by jury

turned New York's most Prada, when she showed auspicious shopping street her Miu Miu line there. into Little Italy.

The reason for this Euro-

TS BEEN called the Italian Invasion: Gianfranco pean infiltration is simple Ferre, Gianni Versace, Dolce & Gabbana, Mos-chino and Miuccia Prada have all shown collections in New York this season. A sudden mania for the same designers (and Gior-

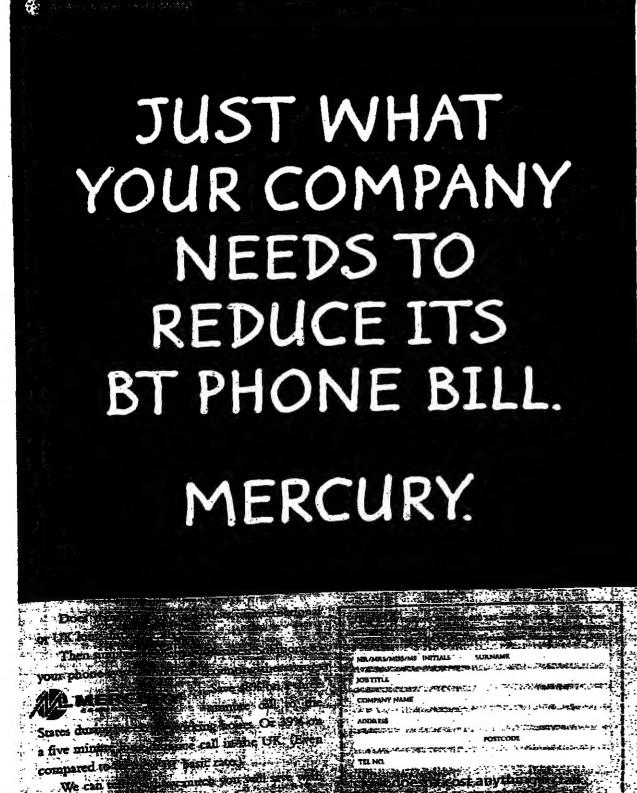
— if London and Paris are about innovation, and Milan is about establishing next season's trends, New York is about big business. Always ahead of her time, the woman who began the exodus from sales of \$170 million this Milan to New York five seagio Armani) to open flag-ship stores on Madison Avsons ago was Minccia million in five years.

If the Prada label is syn-Although many designers have chosen Asia (and China in particular) as the most lucrative target for

global expansion, Prada clearly feels America is equally important. Last Monday she opened a store on Madison, and with ex-

onymous with rigorously intellectual fashion, Miu Min is the grander main line's naughty little sister. Its show yesterday had models complete with Saint Trinian's ponytails, in crisp navy, ink blue or plum cotton boyish fisher-

man jackets and tops paired with trousers cropped just below the knee. The convent schoolgirl has never looked so dangerous.





food summit

John Hooper in Rome

HIS month's World Food Summit is close to becoming something many a bureaucrat must dream of — an interna-tional conference incapable of generating controversy because every issue has been settled in advance.

settled in advance.

Delegates and officials met
yesterday at the headquarters of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome for what they hoped would be their last ne gotiations on the final declaration. The summit itself is not due to begin for a

It has long been the practice at international conferences for officials (known as "sherpas", because they go ahead) to negotiate the bulk of an agreement in advance. However. in most cases, the thorniest problems have waited for the conference itself, and for an injection of the political will only ministers were

thought able to deliver.
At two of the UN's most recent high-level high-profile summits — the population conference in Cairo in 1994 and the women's conference in Beijing last year — the wording of the final declaration was not agreed until hours before the closing

formalities.
It is this which the FAO has gone all-out to avoid. The text of the food summit's final declaration should have been agreed even earlier — on Wednesday night. But despite an all-night session, some passages remained in dispute yesterday. Sources said the main obstacle was whether the document should back a 'right" or merely "access" to

According to the FAO, more than 800 million people worldwide face chronic undernourishment. It expects conditions to improve, but predicts that unless action is taken there will still be 680 million chronically undernourished in the year 2010.

The international commu-nity, through the UN, is os-tensibly committed to the idea that people have a right to be free from hunger and malnutrition. But some Western governments are understood to fear legal action if they agree that their citizens enjoy a right to food itself.

"It's the biggest problem halved over the past three remaining", said an FAO official, who added that it might | seeking pledges of more.

be referred to a committee of legal experts if no compro-

The biggest dispute resolved ahead of the food summit concerned trade. The United States and most other

developed nations want Third World countries to allow freer

trade in agricultural goods.

But the poorer states, and many aid organisations, ar-gue that free trade cannot be fair while governments in the

ences suffered from too much

attention being concentrated on the Vatican's objections to

abortion and contraception. The same danger also existed

Governments are

not being asked to

in this instance. During the

preparatory negotiations, Roman Catholic anti-abor-

taking to help the world's

poor by promoting "reproduc-tive health advice".

though there remained a com-

mitment to promote "repro-ductive health services" con-

sistent with the Cairo

declaration.

By resolving every possible dispute in advance of the conference, the FAO is hoping to

focus attention on its central

purpose. This is defined as

being the renewal of a "high-

level commitment around the world to the eradication of

hunger and mainutrition, and

to the achievement of lasting food security for all".

 that the entire exercise will be seen as ceremonial, as the

Rome are not being asked to

back their words with hard

cash. Food aid from rich to poor nations has almost

years, but the FAO will not be

The phrase had yesterday been removed from the text,

back their words

with hard cash

Advance deal Dark days for Romanians heralds bland

Sunday's poll is likely to result in another weak government, writes Julian Borger in Oradea

ties in Romania, street lighting has been on the decline for the past seven

developed world give their farmers huge subsidies.

An official said yesterday that only three disputed people near the Hungarian border, walking after dusk is precarious. It is no longer possible to spot the muddy holes and open drains, unless you stick to the private, well-lit shops which stand out like phrases concerning trade remained in the document. The key issue of liberalisabeacons in the town centre.

But the dimming of the tion had been resolved with a reference to "fair and marketoriented" commerce.
There is a widespread feeling among UN officials that the Cairo and Beijing confer-

notice," Mrs Erdey said. She is aged 68 and a former worker on a collective farm After years of inflation, her pension has diminished to £5 a month, and she is dependent on her daughter and the potatoes she uproots on an al-But she will vote for the governing former commu-

nists in Sunday's presidential and parliamentary elections. Despite the violence of the uprising in December 1989, light has been gradual, as the impoverished town council fails to replace broken or stolen bulbs, and many Ora-

deans, like Rosalia Erdey, accept the decline.

"I suppose the streets are darker. You get used to it, and to be honest I don't really notice." Mer Erden said She social democrat opposition has a chance of winning at least a share in power. But the communist PDSR has a

In the presidential race, Ion Riescu, (a former regional Communist Party leader who has run the country since 1989), still leads his nearest rival, Emil Constantinescu, a

university professor, by be-tween 3 and 12 per cent. Mr Constantinescu's Demo-cratic Convention (CDR) alliance is ahead of the PSDR,

According to the Imas pollcertainty about the parlia-mentary poll is that it will ing organisation in Bucha-rest, Mr Iliescu has 40 per produce a weak coalition govcent support among Romanians aged over 45, twice as ident will be able to wield considerable influence. much as among younger vot-ers. His support is strongest Some of the reasons for the

round, the outcome will be less predictable, as Mr Roman

communists' hold on power are evident in Oradea. Unemin the countryside.
The Imas polls suggest Mr lliescu will face a second-round run-off in the presidenployment is below 5 per cent as most of its state-owned texas most of its state-towned tex-tile and food processing fac-tories are still functioning. They are running at about one-third of their capacity tial election. If — as seems likely — Mr Constantinescu is his second-round opponent. Mr Teodorescu, who runs Imas, thinks Mr Iliescu will with old machinery, and the subsidised wages are only £80 a month. But there have been win. But if Petre Roman, a social no sudden shocks. democrat and former prime

"It's peaceful here," Mrs Erdey points out, remembering the years of turbulence following the execution in 1989 of the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. She will vote for Mr Iliescu on Sunday, be-cause "he's the president." Mr Roman's centre-left coali-

tion, USD.

President Iliescu, if reelected, could use the USD's
ambivalence to try to keep the
PDSR in power in a hung parliament, or undermine any
pro-reform coalition Mr
Roman and Constantinescu

Roman and Constantines a attempt to form.

The PDSR is advertising itself as a belatedly reborn party. "The age of our leaders has gone from the sixtles to the forties. We've replaced two-thirds of our parliamentary we have such tary candidates. We have succeeded in building a new class of leaders," Adrian Nastase, the PDSR leader, said. minister, makes the second

This shift in generations is producing policy changes. Weeks before the election. can collect anti-communist voters from the CDR. Mr Con-stantinescu, on the other after years of delay, the gov-ernment launched a mass privatisation scheme, involving hand, cannot count on full 4,000 state enterprises.

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Islamic militants await verdicts yesterday in Cairo. Three were given 25 years in jail, after a year-long trial, for their part in attacks which left 63 people deadphotograph, ENRIC MART

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News in brief

Apartheid police chief admits death trap

ACK CRONJE, a brigadier in the South African apart-heid police force, confessed yesterday to planning the murder of 10 youths, who died in a mini-van explosion in

He told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that a police undercover and then placed them in a agent had tricked the youths, who were on their way to an sives. The bus was pushed

Bid to kill

presidential palace.

Taylor fails

IBERIA'S chief warlord, Charles Taylor, said he survived an assassination attempt yesterday when gummen ambushed him inside the

Mr Taylor's senior aide was

killed in the commando-style attack by gunmen who forced

their way into the executive mansion in Jeeps. Panic

gripped the capital, Monro-via, which is still recovering

from devastating ethnic war-

African peacekeepers try-ing to end nearly seven years

of civil war quickly moved tanks across the city's com-

mercial district. Radio reports said 10 people died in the attack. — Reuter.

fare in April and May.

military training camp in Botswana, into accepting a ride.

The agent took the youths to a point near the border where four special force operatives were waiting. They injected the youths with a drug, which left them unconcious,

Robber bites

ASUSPECT fleeing the Ascene of a robbery with

a police dog nipping at his heels decided to bite back.

Ricardo Culberson, 27, fled the Royal Palm Hotel with \$469 (£290) but Miami Beach police in the shape of Myrus, a german shepherd,

Culberson called out:

"Come here, doggy, doggy," grabbed the dog and bit him on the neck, police said. He did not even break

said. He did not even break
the skin. Culberson was
pepper-sprayed, handcuffed and faces charges of
armed robbery, armed carjacking, armed kidnapping,
aggravated assault and
hiting the dog. — AP.

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killing the youths.

Cronje and four other for-mer police have confessed before the commission to having committed human rights atrocities, including 40 apartheid-era murders. They hope to be granted amnesty for their crimes, which they claim were politically moti-vated. — AP.

Death by

firing squad

announced in Gaza yesterday.

on Tuesday unless the Pales-tinian leader, Yasser Arafat,

driving instructor, stemming from 1993 when Zarieia shot Mansur in the hand, the Pal-

estinian police commander. Brigadier General Jhazi

commutes the sentence.

The three will be executed

terday. The workers had not been paid since May.
Vladimir Nechai, aged 60,
shot himself in his office in the Urals town of Snezhinsk. — Reuter.

Top scientist kills himself

A Russian nuclear physicist

has committed suicide after apparently losing hope of

keeping affloat the once top-

secret research centre he headed, his deputy said yes-

Superman is back Christopher Reeve, aged 44, the Superman star left parathe Superman star left para-lysed from the neck down by a riding accident last year, is directing a film, in the Gloam-ing, about a man dying of Aids, writes Ian Katz in New York

MILITARY tribunal has sentenced three Palestin-lan bodyguards to death by firing squad for murdering a driving instructor, the court Jailbreak victims Five suspected Tamil guerrillas and a soldier guarding them were killed during a breakout from a maximum se-Rogeh Abu-Sadi, aged 23, Raiyed Mansur, aged 24, and Arafat Abu-Shabab, aged 22, bodyguards for Palestinian officials, had a personal feud with Fadeil Zarleia, aged 45, a driving instructor stemping curity prison in north-eastern Sri Lanka - AP.

Kurds reach deal Feuding Iraqi Kurdish fac-tions agreed in Ankara yes-terday to extend permanently a US-brokered ceasefire that ended two months of clashes in northern Iraq, the US peace envoy, Robert Pelletreau, said.—Reuter.

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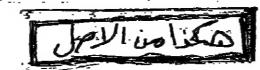


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Be kind to Dole, McGovern urges



NE man knows better than anvone what Bob Dole is go-ing through. He knows the anguish of defeat so well, his name has become a synonym for electoral humiliation.

George McGovern lost 49 out of 50 states in 1972, when he was trounced by Richard Nixon. His defeat was so thorough, he failed to carry even his home state.

"If he loses overwhelm-ingly, as I did," the former candidate says, "he'll at some level feel a personal repudia-tion." In a rare interview, Mr McGovern talked about his efforts to recover from a landslide loss, about the tragic death of his daughter and about his friendship with his Senate colleague Bob Dole. Despite their clashing poli-

tics, the veteran liberal and Republican are still close — "We're the same age, we've been through the same strug-gles" — to the extent that Mr McGovern is hoping the voters give Bob Dole a crumb of

enfort on Tuesday. "To like to see Bob Dole do well, I'd like to see him push Clinton all the way," he said, adding that landslide victories are "dangerous". But he suspects a different

tion." he smiles, recalling the deflation he felt after a year in which the world's press

"I at least had the Senate to and hung on his every word. 'Ronald Reagan told Nancy that after the White House, everything else was dishwa-ter. I guess that's the way a presidential contender who

loses feels: nothing else you do in life is ever quite that exciting." he says, a framed exciting. he says, a framed 'McGovern' 72' poster looking out from the wall behind him. Now 73. Mr McGovern is head of the Middle East Council, a Washington think-tank. His staff call him Senator, and he is still recognised in the street. But he admits that the street. But he admits that, having missed out on the white House, "you have a cer-

'We're the same age; we've been through the same struggles'

tain feeling of incompleteness about your career."
In the Democratic party, Mr

McGovern has not lacked company. He recalls chatting with Adlai Stevenson, who lost in 1952 and 1956. found it very painful," he says. And Michael Dukakis of 1988 and Walter Mondale of 1984 are both still around, one teaching at Harvard, the other US ambassador to Japan. But Bob Dole risks becoming the first Republican

go back to, and that made it easier," says Mr McGovern. Even so, "there's a certain wistfulness that never goes away." For years, he tried to recapture the buzz of the campaign. He opened a hotel in Connecticut, but it failed. And then, in late 1994, he

His daughter Terry fell down drunk in Madison, Wisconsin, and froze to death. It marked the end of a lifelong struggle with alcoholism, which had seen her in and out

of detoxification centres.

Nothing really seized me
like the death of my daughlike the death of my daughter," the long-ago candidate says now, his face still crumpled with grief. This year he published a brutally candid memoir about Terry and he has once again become a campaigner, warning of a threat to the nation.

"I haven't felt anything with such passion since the Vietnam war," he says, citing the cause which dominated that 1972 campaign. He points out that 125,000 Americans die every year through alco-

die every year through alco-holism — more than twice the 58,000 killed in Vietnam.

Watergate and Vietnam vindicated him and his cam-paign completely, McGovern says, adding that "the voters are the ones who ought to think in the long st



BODIES covered with homes and cars. All plastic sheets lie in the street after a Brazilian Fokker-100 airliner crashed ground, were killed. into a residential area of Sao Paulo shortly after takeoff yesterday, starting a fire that engulfed flats

ground, were killed. . The death toll was expected to rise as firefighters searched homes

All | the crash. One resident said | shuttled to and from the he saw "a river of fuel on fire flowing down the

area. Black smoke poured into the sky from fires on Police and firefighters Special Operations Group, Roberto Pacheco de Toledo, used plywood planks as makeshift stretchers to

Developers bulldoze Japan's ancient capital

Kyoto celebrates tradition while tearing the past down

erence for tradition from the corporate sponsors of Gion Matsuri, a festival first held in the year 970.

This year's festivities in-troduced a curious way to celebrate Kyoto's glorious past: labourers moved in to tear down one of the city's finest traditional wooder

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A big Japanese developer had bought it for the equiv-alent of £2.5 million and wanted to start building s multi-storey concrete block. The seller: the head of the Gion festival. "The chairman of the

ost traditional festival in Kyoto was busy tearing down his own family home in the middle of colebra-tions to honour the city's past," said an American long-time resident, Marc Keane, a landscape architect and head of the International Society to Save Kyoto, "This tells you a lot about the later than the later th about priorities in this

A petition begging municipal authorities to save the house, the home of the Fukami family, achieved

dence remaining in Kyoto," this construction jugger-responded Minoru Nitta of the city's Department of Cultural Properties. "We puzzle of modern Japan: Cultural Properties. "We wish you to understand that it is very difficult for the city to respond to

Never mind that the muself selected the property for an official book celebrating Kyoto's townhouses, known as "bedrooms of eels" because of their shape, which repre-sent a unique style of archi-tecture based on the uni-

why, when Japanese aes-thetics can turn even supermarket wrapping paper into high art, is the country blighted by ugly buildings? Taken off the target lists

ing the second world war in deference to its heritage, Kyoto has encountered no such consideration from Japanese developers, par-ticularly in the building frenzy of the 1980s. Not even the protests of

The country spends nearly three times as much on construction as the US

The failure to rescue the Fukami residence was just another skirmish in a long, mostly fruitless, campaign to slow the advance of the "construction state" — an alliance of builders, politi-cians and bureaucrats at the core of Japan's post-war economy. The country spends nearly three times as much on construction as the United States, 32 times as much in terms of relative size, according to Japan expert Gavan McCormack

so long epitomised Japa-nese culture from culsine "There are many build-ings like the Fukami resi- to calligraphy, the power of

form measurements of Buddhist monks represent-tatami mats. Buddhist monks represent-ing more than 1,000 local temples have been able to slow the spoliation. Preservationists say 4,000 old molished in the past decade. Many families wanted to keep their old homes but could not afford taxes lev-

ied on their land. "Travel around this country - all Japanese provincial towns look the same, they have no person-ality," said a professional tive size, according to
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In Kyoto, a city that for
McCormack
In Kyoto, a city that for new Kyoto railway station, which he says violates both

try to halt the vast struc-ture of concrete and tinted glass nearing completion in the south of the city. Pas-sengers arriving from Tokyo now confront a wall that obscures even the mountains surrounding the

off the case while the build-ers keep building," he said. "They want to finish the project. Then the court will say that as it has been completed there is no point in considering whether it is

A city of 1.4 million and home to some of Japan's leading corporations, including the game manufac-turer Nintendo, Kyoto still has 2,000 temples and shrines, countless gardens and three castles. But such assets do not provide jobs, tax revenue or contribu tions to the campaign funds of local politicians. For this, Kyoto depends on big business. About 35 million tourists visit each year, but they generate only 10 per cent of local income.

"Old buildings don't con-tribute taxes. There is nothing in old buildings that the present administration sees as valuable," Mr Keane

said. "When they think of these buildings they think of rabbit butches, dirt and darkness. They think of poor Axia. They see every-thing Japan does not want to be."



Kyoto's architectural heritage was spared by the US air force during the second world war, but has encountered no such consideration by property developers PHOTOSPAPHLD. TURNER GIVENS

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Head of the International Society to Save

Cambodia fails to meet Californians vote Tutsis take Bukavu as IMF logging deadline

Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

HE Cambodian government failed to meet yes-terday's deadline from the International Monetary Fund for enforcing measures to regulate the cutting and ex-port of timber. The IMF warned earlier this month that failure to enforce these procedures would result in the fund withholding £38 mil. lion-worth of soft loans outstanding from earlier pledges. Environmental groups and international agency staff say

the government has taken lit-An IMF team arriving in Phnom Penh on Sunday to review government financial performance is expected to investigate. Aid officials in Phnom Penh say an IMP aid cut would have a domino ef-fect on assistance from other

sources.
The issue strikes at the heart of corruption at the highest levels of government, obstructing efforts to revive the war-battered economy

and frustrating international | ging by money-hungry gener-"The moment of truth has come," said the opposition

leader, Sam Rainsy, who plans a demonstration in Phnom Penh on Sunday. Two issues are worrying Cambodia's aid community. The country is emerging from floods that displaced many thousands of villagers and de-stroyed crops. The green lobby asserts that the floods are the consequence of unfet-tered destruction of Cambo

In the early 1970s these covered close to three quarters of Cambodia. Today they have dwindled to about one third. Concessions awarded by Cambodia's leaders to a small number of foreign companies in the past few years are thought to account for all but a small part of Cambodia's commercially viable forest.

There is also unregulated cutting by the Khmer Rouge,

whose timber sales to Thai companies help to finance Pol Pot's 18-year insurgency. And there is the rampant, unlicensed and unregulated log-

The government last year announced a ban on new cut

ting. It appears to have made not the slightest difference. A study by the World Bank and two UN agencies concluded that properly managed and sustainable logging could earn the government \$100 million a year. But the \$34 million the government took two years ago dwindled to \$6 million in the first eight months of this year.

Early this year Cambodia's co-prime ministers, Prince Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen, signed what is now dubbed the "million metre" deal with Thailand's then deputy prime minister, Chaovalit Yongchaiyudh, on behalf of 11 Thai companies. It seems much of the 1.1 million cubic metres to be exported

had not been felled at the time of the deal. Cambodian leaders told aid donors at a meeting in Tokyo in July that they had set up a steering committee, chaired by the coparine ministers, to man-

on wider agenda Zairean troops flee

Christopher Road in Los Angeles

NBW kind of American politics is on offer in California next Tuesday, when voters will have a more liberal agenda to consider than anything offered by President Clinton.

They may decriminalise cannable for medicinal use; make boards of directors responsible for lawsuits from shareholders who lose money; raise the minimum wage; tax the very rich; im-prove medical care; and drastically reform political campaign funding.
There is something for con-

servatives, too. They can vote to terminate state preferences for women and minorities in further education, jobs and contracts; and impose a new anti-tax measure preventing local authorities from levying

the 15 propositions this year to become state law. The cannabis measure will probably pass, as will the demolition of affirmative action, but the fate of the others is uncertain.

The proposition system was

created early this century to

curb the power of the railway barons, who had politicians in their pockets, and give some power back to the people. Despite the infiltra-tion of lobbyists and other vested interests into the syscollapses tem, the propositions do provide voters with interesting ideas. Those have been lack-ing in a deadlocked state legislature awash in dublous campaign donations. No major bills have been passed for two years, and two at-tempts to decriminalise can-nabis were vetoed by the

Analysts believe the prolif-eration of propositions this anti-tax measure preventing local authorities from levying a charge on hotel stays and on dozens of other services.

The initiatives come under California's referendum system, in which voters cast a simple Yes or No for any of

Chris McGgreal in

Cyangugu reports on a nation on the verge of breaking up as law and order

OVERNMENT soldiers are fleeing eastern Zaire in disarray after losing control of much of the region. One provincial capital has fallen to Tutsi rebels and another, Goma, is on the brink of collapse in the face of a renewed onslaught.

Tutsi lighters now occupy thousands of square miles, or have at least denied control to the Zairean Government, potentially heralding the break up of one of the largest

Banyamulenge rebels have finally setzed control of Bukavu, the capital of South zis said.

Kivu province, in less than two weeks of all out fighting.

In neighbouring North across the border in Rwanda.

Kivu, another group of Tutsi as happened shortly before rebels is bearing down on the final rebel push on Burebels is bearing down on Goma. Heavy machine-gun fire and mortars reverberated across the city yesterday. Zairean troops were fight-

ing around the airport about three miles from the city centre. The spokesman in Goma for the UN High Commissioner

for Refugees. Panos Mount-zis, told Reuters: "The airport has been taken over. It is confirmed from the Zairean side. Right now there is no move-ment in town. It is completely deserted. He said aid workers remained inside their offices in the lakeside city after heavy fighting since yester-

There is a general feeling of law and order breaking down, with two UNHCR vehi-cles hijacked this morning. Some aid agency compounds and offices have been attacked by Zairean soldiers and looting is under way, but it is still limited," Mr Mount-

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kavu. Although Rwanda admits its troops raided Bukavu earlier this week it continues to insist it is not directly supporting the rebellion.

Members of the Rwandan Hutu army and extremist mi-litias defeated in 1994, which fled into Zaire after leading the genocide of Tutsis, are fighting alongside local

Rebels in both provinces have advanced rapidly over the past formight as Zairean soldiers frequently turned and ran, putting up token resistance at best, despite a

About 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees have fled ahead of the rebel advance on Goma, further swelling Mugunga refugee camp to the west of the city. It is already the largest in the world with

about 500,000 people. With Goma airport closed, and other routes into the city severed by fighting, the United Nations says it is unable to provide aid to the

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The pensions volcano

Forget about EMU until the problem is solved

ANY COUNTRY which signs up to savings. Or — Doomsday scenario — monetary union before defusing the time bomb of unfunded pension liabilities — up to £10 trillion on some Britain having to could up as well are the country of the cou estimates - would be foolish in the extreme. The Commons social security committee is to be congratulated on forcing this issue — hardly discussed at all in Brussels — into the open. Britain's current national debt is equivalent to about £5,000 per person. If we add to that unfunded pension liabilties (ie those that will have to be paid by the taxpayer rather than by private occupational funds) then the burden rises to £9,000 per person. But if as a result of monetary union we end up in some way responsible for the pension debts of other EU nations then the figure would increase to £30,000 for every, man, woman and child in the country — or more than twice that if the cost fell just on people in employment.

At the moment Britain is relatively well off compared with the rest of the EU. This is partly for good reasons (a population that isn't ageing as fast as theirs and whose private pensions are financed by strong occupational schemes) and partly for bad reasons (we pay rotten state pensions). The commitee reckons that the pensions gap — the net value of contributions less pensions paid — until 2070 is only 19 per cent of national output in the UK but 98 per cent of GDP for France, 113 per cent for Italy and 139 per cent for "fiscally prudent" Germany.

What is going to happen? Either these countries will have to cut their state pensions savagely thereby risking huge social upheaval (look how they took to the streets in France and Germany for minor changes), or they will have to go abundance on private pensions. This would mean that the current generation would be paying twice over — both for current pensioners out of taxation

directly or indirectly. If Europe tried to solve this problem by taxing everyone it would probably prompt people in Britain to hit the streets as well. The most likely scenario is that other countries, unable to pay for decent pensions out of taxation, will resort to borrowing or to printing more money - hitting Britain in the form of higher interest rates, higher inflation, a depre-ciating currency or all three. It beggars belief that Europe is pre-

pared to lock itself into a single currency for eternity without considering the implications of unfunded pensions 20 years on. There ought to be a special committee doing nothing else but acting as a devil's advocate drawing attention to all the things that could go wrong if countries with widely differing fiscal traditions pledge themselves to monetary union against a foolishly to monetary union against a foolishly tight timetable and with unrealistic criteria. As it is, France and Germany closely followed by Italy, are using all sorts of accounting devices to pretend that their budget deficits will fall within the 3 per cent Meastricht ceiling

Yet that three per cent doesn't include any provision at all for the sleeping volcano of unfunded pensions. In Germany's case, full provision well into the next century could double the country's deficit as a proportion of GDP. The trouble with pensions is that it is extremely difficult to get the public interested until it is too late. If yesterday's report could propel the problem of unfunded pensions into the election campaign it would do us all a mighty favour. Meanwhile, no government should even think about irrevocably joining EMU until this issue has been and for their own future pensions out of | thoroughly thrashed out and resolved.



THE TABLOIDS are in no doubt. The | mother, with a history of a serious blame for the vicious cruelty which Rikki Neave suffered before his murder at six years of age is placed firmly on social workers' shoulders. And indeed Cambridgeshire social services made mistakes which no one can defend. The awesome consequences of those mistakes were set out in yesterday's paper: a family of four children three of whom suffered repeated beatings, kicks, cigarette burns to the hand, hair pulled so hard that the scalp bled and a terrifying episode in which Rikki was held by his ankles and dangled over a bridge 15 foot above a river. Ruth Neave, the mother who perpetrated these crimes, was branded "Britain's most evil mother"

by yesterday's Mirror.

Some of the mistakes have a familiar ring: lost files, crucial case notes which went missing, cries for help which went unheard or ignored. But there are some unfamiliar elements compared to earlier child abuse scandals. Cambridgeshire had been pouring in resources to help Neave and her children. Family aides had been going in daily to improve her parenting skills in line with the latest guidance of trying to keep families together. They only withdrew when her verbal abuse became excessive and an axe was found behind the door. They were right to try. Neave, herself, had had a horrific childhood, deprived of any parental love and shuttled around residential and foster homes. The mistake was in pursuing ters should be giving the go ahead -

personality disorder, was not just making serious threats against her children but actually physically abusing them. But it ill becomes the relatives - Rikki's father who abandoned him and an aunt - to talk about suing social services. Families too have responsibilities. There is no indication that Rikki's father tried to obtain custody yet a responsible father would have made himself aware of what was happening to his child. There will be two separate inquiries: one for Cambridgeshire social services by a respected outside agency and another by the social service inspectors for the Secretary of State. That is right. What we don't need as long as the other two are published — is a full blown public inquiry. Far better that the money an inquiry would cost is invested in current child

protection services. Relatives are not the only people who have been shamelessly ducking blame. Ministers too have been indulging in scapegoating others. Yet somewhere on their desks is a proposal which could seriously improve child protection: a national accreditation scheme under which only social workers with a guaranteed level of competence would handle complex cases. Absurdly, Rikki Neave's first social worker had only nine months experience. This was as unfair to the social worker as to Rikki. Instead of expressing "concern", ministhe support for so long when the and the cash — for a practical scheme.

Albert's lasting memorial

Or what makes the Theory of Relativity really add up

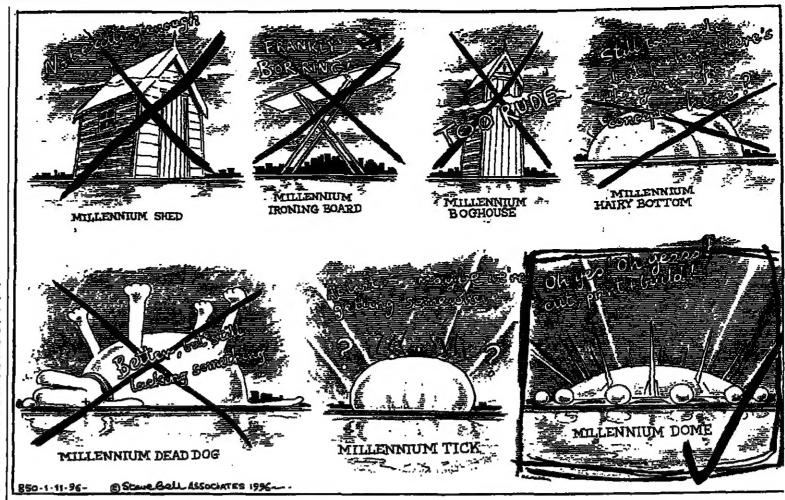
tific equation ever committed to paper must leave his room when asked. In the that on which he founded his General Theory of Relativity - Albert Einstein proposed that E equalled MC squared. M, in this formulation, meant the amount of mass which disappeared in a given physical event. C was the speed of light; E, the amount of energy thus created. But evidence has now been uncovered, in private papers of Einstein's to be auctioned in New York later this month, which suggests that this formula may be open to a second interpretation.

The document is thought to date from from 1914, when Einstein and his wife Mileva set up home in Berlin. Its terms require her to keep his linen in order and to serve him three meals a day in his room. She must also renounce all personal relations with him, except to keep up appearances. She must not expect any husbandly affection; must then E=MC2.

IN PERHAPS the most famous scien- answer at once when spoken to; and present climate of moral concern, these disclosures may well be seized on by Tory backbenchers as a suitable addition to the statement of moral values just issued by the National Forum for Values in Education and Community, which some of them fear smacks, in its present state, of permissiveness. Others may judge that Einstein, while undoubtedly meeting the Forum's requirement that people must develop a sense of their own self-worth, fails to honour its further precept that we ought to respect other people's dignity, and value them for their merits, not just for what they can do for us.

In the light of all this, the time may have come for the General Theory to be restated as follows:-Where E = Albert Einstein, and MC = male chauvinism,

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Letters to the Editor

Fat is a fraught issue

reading of Fat is a Fem-inist Issue (FIFI) in-trigues me (Fashionable feast for fat ladies, October 30). FIFI regards women's eating problems in the second half of the 20th century, not as "all the fault of men". They arise from an unconscious resfrom an unconscious response to the tensions in the mother-daughter relationship, to the conflicting demands of consumer society, to the confusions accompanying changing gender expectations and to the contradictory mes-sages sent by the food and fashion industries that while women should be providers of food for others they should not eat easily themselves.

FIFI is neutral on size. It neither appliands nor disdains fat. It suggests that fat women are stigmatised. Catherine Bennett's article is ample evidence of this. FIFI focuses on the symbolic meanings of fat and thin for the individual woman and how those indi-vidual meanings are constructed within culture. It lear and interest that food can engender. Sometimes compul sive eaters are fat, more com-

ATHERINE Bennett's | in eating problems — an- | disaster that could befall orexia, bulimia and comput-sive eating — with the inter-nalisation of a thin aesthetic. FIFI in common with the 1986 Framingham Study, believes that there is a signifi-cant health risk in dieting and in going up and down the scale. Obesity does not start at size 16. The notion that obesity is some objectively vali-datable state and that there are objective health criteria is ludicrous. Medicine and nutrition theory are as shot through with cultural inflection as are our attitudes towards size. Remember when meat, cheese and vege tables were good and potatoes and pasta bad? Susie Orbach. Lancaster Drive.

London NW3. ECOVERING anorexics like my daughter will not have been helped by Cather-ine Bennett's derision of a new magazine aimed at boosting fat people's self-esteem. With a cursory nod to the fact looks at the experience of that "Acute skinniness is danrous, occasionally fatal' she then goes on to abuse the overweight — "porkers",
"ugly, unhealthy and greedy"
and Dawn French's "massive
paw". Anoraxics believe that monly they are of average and Dawn French's "massive Sandpiper Roal size, sometimes they are thin. paw". Anorexics believe that Bridgwater, FIFI links the epidemic rise gaining weight is the worst Somerset TA6.

them. Bennett helps to con-firm that. Perhaps obesity does shorten your life expec-tancy. Drinking does not do you much good either but pub regulars are spared this rou-tine abuse, as are smokers, who stand a one in five chance of being killed by their habit. It is a pity that Bennett finds fat people so unsightly but it cannot match the agony of watching your own child alowly and deliberately starving herself to death. S Ghelani.

Shackerdale Road Vieston, Leicester.

DRESSING up her preju-dice against fatties as concern for our health, Cath-erine Bennett states her true case when she says: "We don't like looking at it." Most bigotry is based on things that some people don't like looking at — skin colour, age, disabil-

Perhaps Catherine Bennett bile in the Guardian because achievers who don't read broadsheet newspapers. Alison Palmer. Sandpiper Road,

How Rikki Neave's death can improve other children's lives

Rikki Neave's appalling death will not be totally in vain if it finally leads ministers to take action on accredited child care social work (A short and brutal life, October 31). Such a scheme would pro-vide a guaranteed level of competence beyond what can be provided by the two-year basic diploma in social work.

The scheme would stop social workers such as the recently qualified Linda Mar-shall, Rikki's first worker in Peterborough, being assigned to a child at high risk. Why, after so many child abuse tragedies, do we continue to expect newly qualified social workers to carry the responsi-

bility for a child's life? Such a scheme has been dis-cussed among child care pro-fessionals since 1991. The Association of Directors of Social Services now has a scheme ready for final development. A recent survey of what sympathy would be have local authorities has shown had? The public wringing of accreditation has substantial felt that she could get away backing as long as it guaran-with such an outpouring of tees family support as well as child protection. lare Roskill.

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THE public or media mood seems to be that parents should be responsible when their children are horrid to teachers or other children. When a mother inflicts persistent cruelty on her small boy. amidst the apparently inter-mittent concern of her wider family and despite the genu

ine attempts to help by Social Services, then social workers are to blame. Curious. Derek Myers. Secretary, Association of Directors of Social Services (London branch). The Civic Centre, Hounslow.

SENT out by his mother to shoplift and be a drugs courier, Rikki Neave is quite rightly perceived as the lad who never stood a chance. Yet hands at his death would have been replaced by condemna-tion of his inevitably anti-

If nothing els this tragic case highlights the vacuity of the "cane 'em and lock 'em up' approach. Chris Hill. Whitsbury Road. Fordingbridge.

AR from buying a house in Sussex, my husband, Jona-than Dimbleby, and I have no intention of moving from our beloved Bath, committed as we are to the city and the countryside around it (Diary, October 30).

Caustic column

Second, I was never ac-tively involved with the Newbury bypass protest. A cut-tings check would have reminded your idle diarist that it was the Swainswick/ Batheaston bypass. Third house or no house, I am cer-tainly not "unaware" of the campaign to stop the appall-ing Highways Agency widen-ing the A27 in Sussex. I have every sympathy with the A27 Action Group — to the extent of contributing to their news letter two years ago. Bei Mooney.

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ULIE Burchill makes the nentary error of assum ing that procreation with members of the opposite sex is the raison detre of man-kind, whilst apparently at-tempting to belittle the impor-tance of other activities that they may choose to partake in (Letters, October 30).

For your information, Ms Burchill, women who drink and smoke during pregnancy place their foeti in extreme peril — hence the social stigma. Men who choose to play football and enjoy each other's company may well reduce their fertility, but harm no one. This has no cor-relation to their sexual preferences, but even if it did I am surprised that someone who has so militantly stuffed her sexuality down the throats of the public in general should be so narrow minded and Malcolm Cupis. 15 Queens Acre, Queens Road.

COULD something please be done about James Wood's ego? He takes yet more space in your news paper (Yes, Carmen, there is some good fiction, October 31) to inform us that "David Lodge, Julian Barnes and William Boyd . . . are not serious writers." This is frivolous. Montagu Bream. 19 Lower Road, Chinnor, Oxfordshire OX9 4DT.



Fuel for the VAT debate

S NOT the Labour Party improved fuel economy policy to reduce VAT on domestic fuel as indicated by Gordon Brown yet another Loft and cavity wall insula-

having to pay tax on it rubs salt into the wound. However, for every additional measure of fuel burned there is an environmental price to pay, and consequently the encourage-ment to burn more fuel by reducing its price is the wrong technical answer, and probably the wrong economic

mestic fuel as indicated by Gordon Brown yet another example of ill-conceived political opportunism?

Nobody likes spending money on fuel, still less do we enjoy feeling the cold, and having to pay tax on it rubs

better building insulation. Loft and cavity wall insulation and double glazed window units could all carry a zero, or even a reverse VAT rating. The labour costs for the installation of thermal insulation could also be zero. rated. Any resulting shortfall in income to the exchequer could be offset by a compara-ble rise in VAT on fuel and by increasing the stamp duty and council tax on energy-extravagant homes. J R Hill.

A radical and imaginative Nr Aldershot, government would encourage Hampshire GU12 5EW.

Why the Great Lakes weep blood

HANKS McGreal's clear accounts we can begin to understand the complexity of the current conflict in the Great Lakes region (Rwanda warns of looming war, October 31). The signs of impending catastro-phe were obvious from the time the authorities — UN and Zairean — allowed the Hutu refugees, particularly the rump of the Rwandan army, to retain their

of Zairean Tutsis was apparent even before the refugees crossed the border in 1994. Furthermore, the number of RPF victory far exceeded any estimate. It was obvious then that Tutsis, who have for centuries settled in Zaire, were being forced to migrate to Rwanda. They were not considered refugees by the inter-national community which appeared to be more concerned about the return of Tutsi hegemony. By 1995 some observers were even be-

Chris place. A more determined accounts effort to punish those responderstand sible would have enabled the majority of refugees to look towards a peaceful solution be it repatriation or settle-

The Hutu/Tursi problem is a regional one because these groups are not confined just to Rwanda and Burundi, Artificial colonial boundaries can no longer obscure the geographical realities of Africa reapons.

Evidence of the harassment of Zairean Tutsis was apparusing sticking plaster when heart surgery is required. If some of the \$1.4 billion spent on the flawed humanitarian returnees to Rwanda after the effort were used to support reconstruction in Rwanda and the international tribunal, we would be witnessing more concerted attempts to promote peace. (Dr) Patricia Daley. Jesus College, 3 Ship Street,

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Oxford.

Twists and turns in a moral maze

GEOFF Mulgan's excellent article (Rights and wrongs, October 30) makes the point that moral values cannot be taught, only learnt. Traditional sources of authority, where respect was based on status, have largely disintegrated. Those in power have clawed their way to the top in the ruthless competi-tive ethos of Thatcher's Brit-ain. If automatic respect is lost - no bad thing since it was largely based on fear — models become increasingly

Only a return of fairness and real responsibility (which means publicly accepting blame for mistakes) will restore some sense of natural justice. Until then, "antiheroes" will move in to fill the authority vacuum and our children will imitate them rather than the discred-lted and increasingly pathetic leaders of politics, church,

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GEOFF MULGAN stresses (emotional quotient) in con trast to IQ. Sadly, we are a nation preoccupied with cleverness, which is essentially what most IQ tests measure. To confirm this, one had only to turn to your fulsome report that two-year-old Raheed Kahndaker was to be Mensa's youngest member. (Dr) Brian Anderson. 66 Kynaston Road London NISOED

CHILDREN learn right from wrong by being moral agents. We can all remember moral skirmishes from our own childhoods: such as kicking a ball through the neigh-bour's window. But today, where do these encounters take place? No longer in the streets where we live. This generation is kept in by wor-ried parents. It may be no coincidence that the home and the school are cracking under the strain.

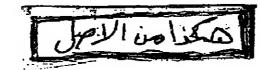
Tim Gill. Policy Officer, Children's Play Council, 8 Wakley Street, London ECIV 7QE.

A Country Diary

NORTHUMBERLAND: With | todian who worked here for the Countryside Commis-sion's plans for walkers alongside the 81-mile length alongside the 81-mue length of Hadrian's Wall approved, we spent a weekend walking from milecastle to milecastle. The early part of this pilgrimage through Tyne and Wear has to be on four wheels but the plan is to conside a footnets. the plan is to create a footpath that will provide access to some of the best sections. making use of a variety of her lips were working and as we watched she nibbled and Roman forts but the gem is the temple of Antenociticus, a ber. I have always seen a hare middle of a housing estate worth a visit. After Heddon-on-the-Wall and it is onto the military road and your own two feet following the marvel-ous switchback path up and down the tree-covered ridges of the Whin Sill, nature stretching miles in every direction. There can be few places in England where you can clearly see how a geological formation has dictated the form of a contemporary landscape. When we reached Chesters fort, the retired cus-

17 years, appeared to show us round. Then it was on to Housesteads. Sheltering against an interesting heap of stone described as a turret we could admire the panorama of farms and fields and moors. the steep escarpments and sloping vales of the Wall dominating the skyline. A full grown hare was quite close. other tuft of grass and sit up to eat: this one resem-bled a cow chewing the cud. One of the joys of this walk is viewing the lakes, locally called loughs, Crag lough, Broomlee and Greenlee. Whilst my husband spied for birds I picked blackberries. This year we have an abun-dance. It is not true that a heavy crop of berries foretells a hard winter; the reason is that our good summer ripened the wood and encouraged the formation of truitbuds.

VERONICA HEATH



Matthew Norman

EARS mount for the mental health of Paul Johnson, once my sane and rational friend. In the Daily Mail, Paul has published a version of the Ten Commandments under the headline "the only guide lines our children need". Number Nine contains the injunction: "Never use weapons - they can kill." In the Spectator, meanwhile, Paul concludes an article on Nell Jordan with the hope that California be used for neutron bomb trials. When we rang to congratulate him on this splendid win double, we found him beset by amnesia. "You are professional liars," he said, preparatory to replacing the receiver, "who do not deserve to call your-selves journalists." Commandment Number Four—
"Guard your words, in case
they hurt"—had slipped
his mind. Worse still is the
news that Paul now suffers from COD (Cymru Obsessive Disorder), the rare psychiatric illness which leads him to imagine everyone is Welsh. Robert Harris, a "rancorous Welsh leftie" in Paul's mind, writes to the Spectator to point out that he isn't Welsh—a repeat of a similar confusion with Piers Morgan. Paul, Paul, Paul, Paul, what is happening?

COLLEAGUE calling the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for information has been directed to the website at http://www.open.gov.Hav-ing typed in the address, the first message demanded a password, and the second proudly boasted "access denied'. Open government at its very best.

RENT Council may be back under Labour control, but the fun continues. This week, it is a case of political cross-dressing. Labour, reports the Wembley Observer, is plan-ning to privatise adult edu-cation, selling its entire service to the College of North West London; and, according to a press release from Tory councillor Irwin Van Colle, the Conservatives will be defending the social services budget against Labour plans for £2 million

ARMEN Callil, chairman of this year's Booker judges, con-tinues to lash the enemies of the English novel. On Wednesday's Today pro-gramme, she privileged the Guardian's Peter Lennon with special treatment, highlighting him as one of the literary critics responigration of English fiction". He was the Sunday Times critic, she said, who babbled on about "multifractional metaphysical something or other"—a term which haffled her. It also beffled Peter, who rang Miss Callil to point out: a) that he had not worked for the Sunday Times for a decade; and b) he has never been a literary critic anyway. "I don't think I can help, I don't know why I said that," said Miss Callil. "I don't know what exactly you did say," replied Peter, who had missed the interview. "Neither do I," said Miss Callil. "Bye bye."

EHANKS to all who wrote in to posit the theory that George Ellot did not, as was loosely suggested here yesterday, write Moll Flanders. It is a perfectly intelligent opin-ion, and you have every right to hold it.

AM shocked by a maticious report on Rosie Boycott, new editor of the Independent on Sunday in the New York Observer. According to Lorne Manly, Miss Boycott only took Monty Montgomery's offer "after botching her not-so-secret campaign to be next editor of (American) Es-quire". Miss Boycott went to New York earlier this year, it is claimed, saying "I'm here for the job", and throwing schmoozy bashes Only when she failed to impress executives at Hearst, the publisher, did she take the foS job. Spiteful non-sense, the lot of it. Shame on you, Lorne Manly.

HANKS to Antony Hopker for reporting the impressive gallery of modern art decorating Burger King's central Manchester branch. It would be more impressive still, he suggests, should they decide to hang Matisse's Goldfish the right way up.



I eacher who never failed his children

Commentary

Peter Preston

KEEP thinking about RF Mackenzie this craven, Mackenzie this craven, caterwauling week of moral panic. What on earth (or the Scottish heaven he surely inhabits) would Mackenzie make of Manton Junior and the benighted Ridings of Halifax — not to mention the sulping National tion the gulping National Forum on Values in Educa-tion and the Community?

He was always one of my heroes — the headmaster of Braehead Secondary school, Buckhaven, Fife, from 1957 until 1967 (when Old Labour on the county council and Old Labour in the Scottish Office closed him and it down). He gave them the screaming habdabs. He would have sent Chris Woodhead and Melanie Phillips into terminal shock. But he was a truly great

Mackenzie started from the

children, not the system. He it's own rules. If schools are to gathered round him a staff of be standardised, monitored like minds which fizzed with factories for the provision of purpose, which sought from a grey, impoverished town of a catchment area — to turn out thinking, rounded human beings. They didn't stream or categorise at Braehead. They put uncounted hours into finding where a kid came from and what he or she could do that would build self-esteem and wider hori-

zons. It was, avowedly, ex-perimental That's why it was shut down. The state sector couldn't abide experiment. "In the new chrome, streamlined efficient comprehensives of the Labour administration," Mackenzie mordantly observed, "we shall all have to work harder to get examination results so that we shall have more tech-nologists." He didn't live to meet Ken Baker or Gillian Shephard.
The Braehead issue was not

that every school could or should be like that. Obvious the conventional

grades and career opportuni-ties, then their staff become workers in that factory. They can only deal with the raw material they're given. If that

is a 10-year-old called Mat-thew Wilson who causes trou-ble, the factory rejects him (just as the system rejected Mackenzie). If, incredibly, 60 children in Halifax are then deemed disruptive (now with new, added mayhem), every factory in the land shakes in agonised debate. RF Macken-zie would have resigned in agoinsed the date. At market-zie would have resigned in shame if one child at Brae-head, never mind 60, had been swept from the board thus. He would have slammed his front cases on that undertaken. front gates on that undertaker of idealism, Nigel de Gruchy. Children, for him, didn't fall: schools failed them. This week's National

Forum haplesely identifies, as one of its "Principles for Action", the need to "promote should be like that. Obvious impossibility. The issue was whether some rare schools which had the drive and the vision could be allowed to be like that. Obviously not. The trouble, Mackenzie "system" would only tolerate the conventional be conventional. real story. "Somebody once But convention operates to said that a true love story had

never been written because no lover could ever write the whole truth about it." Could he teach — alongside the dedicated work of many — the contrapuntal facts about Fife's "lumbaring machinery, behind-the-scenes fixing and ignorance"? Of course not clear about current panic. Bob Mac, as ever, would man-Would he, alive today, be able to deliver the Neil Hamilton lecture on "making truth and integrity priorities in public life"—as the Forum puts it? The expectations of society or the Kevin Maxwell lecture moulded schools. The on "helping people to know about the law and legal

lated across the nation. He merely hoped he and his school had a right to exist. Hope denied. The politicians

Schools, in his bitter experience, didn't mould society. The expectations of society moulded schools

and many perents, replicating convention, saw him off. It was Mission Impractical. And yet, in the deepest sense, Braehead Secondary was a moral school. It didn't stick a Forum mission statement on the wall hailing 'loy-alty, trust and confidence" or "respect for the dignity of all people". It lived those things, seeking explicitly to replace the decline of Christian underpinning (then as now)

Bob Mac, as ever, would manage a melancholy smile. Schools in his bitter experi-ence, didn't mould society. squeezed out the time or ability to care or to try something different for a different, small RF Mackenzie never human being. The thought claimed that he was right, in the sense that what he believed and what he achieved could be endlessly extrapo world would make him guffaw. This is malign parody of the arguments which laid him low 30 years ago. Schools can't achieve much, but they can achieve a little: he got chopped for that achieve-

> To remember Mackenzie now, to pluck him from the mists of forgetfulness, is really to establish the basic conundrum. His way — his separate, moral way — was no panacea for a country short of technologists or mathematicians. But, in his life, he showed that there was also a choice and a balance. and a cablic and a balance.
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> Authorist, even then invoking past models, decreed that
> there could be no choice, no
> deviation. Now, with even less deviation, we seek to impose what we have swept away. Would the sage of Braehead have lingered long over such imberility? Probably

not, I think. He was always more interested in the future of society than in ignorant reconstruction of fusty nemories. He was a modern, moral man.

How Mr Turton soured the **Good Old Days**



Mark Steel

PECULIAR thing happens in your mid-30s, when for the first time when for the first time you are invited to take part in the world of nostalgia.

When I was a boy I would listen to adults pining for the old days of unlocked back doors, family sing-songs and hidings that "never did me any harm". From my perspective they seemed to be saying. "Then this little bastard was born and the world became a

born and the world became a cesspit."

But recently, as a 36-year-old listening to the latest appeals for a return to the age of dish. morality, it suddenly dawned on me that the Golden Age

we're supposed to return to is now the period of my own childhood. The realisation that the "Good Old Days" is part of your own lifetime is much more enlightening than
it is distressing Because suddenly, instead of suspecting
that anyone yearning for
those days is talking rubbish,
you know they are for a fact.
Which is why the cries for schools to return to the splen-didly obedient days of the 60s

should terrify my generation, because we are the generation that remembers Mr Turton. Mr Turton would insist on utter silence, not only during his lessons but also, when he was on duty, in the dinner hall. Almost unable to eat through being knotted with fear, hundreds of kids would suck their meatballs, indicating with a nod of the head if they wanted the pepper pot, as to ask in words would surely result in the dreaded

Once, a boy next to me reached for a water jug and knocked a plastic cup off the table. The echoey clanging as it bounced shattered the ilence with the drama of the first slave who declared that he was Spartacus. Spared the slipper, he was made to aban-don his dinner and spend the next hour facing a wall with

Mr Turton was however a and thank Christ they've fine sportsman, often wander gone." snatching the bat and hitting the next ball into a garden. There was no eight-year-old who could bowl to Mr Turton;

not on any wicket. With so many violent teachers at that time, it was inevitable that many of the kids would follow suit. This was all to the good, I was told by adults, as it prepared me for later life. They were clearly mistaken, as I don't know of a

face and shout "Kung Fu, my

The bullying of a 50s educa-tion may have been unpleas-ant, but did it help to educate us? Hand in hand with the us! Hand in hand with the discipline was a method of teaching summed up by the "Times Table"; the practice of reciting "Once four is four, two fours are eight" in a beat of "Crotchet quaver quaver crotchet" with as much value as if we were repeating in alphabetical order the football teams of the Scottish Second Division. Later, bay-Second Division. Later, having destroyed any enthusiasm we might have had for maths, the same technique was employed at the "big" school to wreck any passion for languages as we stood mumbling, "Je mange, tu manges, il manges." il mange".

It was compulsory, if you were a boy, to do woodwork, in which you made objects I've never heard of outside woodwork lessons, like a clock-holder or a thimble-

Such was the genius of my school for making fascinating subjects utterly tedious, that even our two sex lessons comprised an embarrassed and prudish woman who looked like a village librarian, stumbling her way through a

With so many violent teachers at that time, it was inevitable that many of the kids would follow suit

series of instructions that made it sound as if she was telling us how to put together

an MFI cupboard.

The result of all this was that I drew a chart on my bedroom wall, with a line for each day left before I could leave, ticking off the days in the way that prisoners look forward to being released. Like many others of my age.
my fascination with history,
literature and languages could only begin once I left the place that was supposed to teach them.

The peculiar thing about being in your mid-30s is that for the first time you can say: "Yes, I remember those days,

parts of the code issued by the National Forum for Values in Education and the Commu-nity that should be imple mented. For instance, the bit that encourages "challenging values or actions which may be harmful to individuals or communities". If only that had been in place in the 80s. master would have had to say: "Right, children, here's your buckets. We're all going single workplace where the filing clerk is likely to walk down to the shopping ce behind you, kick you in the down to the shopping centre



Clinton's party policy

While the Democrats are straining every nerve to regain control of Congress, Martin Walker asks if the President has a different agenda: to do a Toriy Blair and re-invent his party

the House and Sen-ate next Tuesday, riding the coat-tails of what looks to be a landslide for President Clin-ton, and with Newt Ging-rich's Republicans thoroughly discredited, it is not easy to see how they could ever again become the Congressional majority.

The entire Democratic ma-

chine has made an all-out effort, from President Clin-ton's own impeccably drilled campaign to the trade union movement with its \$35 mil-lions for narrowly targeted TV ads to unseat 70 vulnerable Republican Congressmen The organised women's groups like Emily's List have strained every nerve and raised every dime to elect Democrats. Jesse Jackson and the Black cancus and the Hispanic organisations are

campaigning tirelessly to de-liver their block votes. Right now, it looks as if this Herculean combined effort, the most sustained Democratic drive that most party professionals can remember, might not be enough. The tides of history, of the conservative drift of the South, and the suburbanisation of the

this is the last registered voters, the Republicance for the Democratic party. If they cannot regain thin majorities in House and

There is a scurrilous theory

that this may not entirely dis-may President Clinton. One of the main themes of his career has been to learn the lessons of the Republican victories of 1968 and 1972, 1980 and 1984 and 1968, the years when Roosevelt's legacy of the natural Democatic majority was slowly, decisively shredded. Elevan years ago, Bill Clinton and Al Gore and some other Southern Democrats helped found the Democatic Leadership Council. The immediate cause for that was at Ronald Reagan's hand in the 1984 election. The deeper cause was the fear that Democrais were becoming unelec-table, seen ever since the Vietnam war by their bluecollar base as soft on crime and soggy on national secu-rity, and too inclined to spend which they meant blacks).

OME of those who helped form the DLC had been involved in the centralising mission since 1872, when they joined Democrats for Richard Nixon. The Clinton-Gora manifesto

as we know it" - was a DLC With some populist prom-

ises to cushion the impact of free trade on Democratic voters with education and job training and health reform, the election went according to the plan of the DLC, an organisation which Jesse Jackson condemned as "a bunch of Southern white boys in suits". For 36 years now, the only way the Democrats have won the White House has been

with a Southern white male as their candidate: Lyndon Johnson, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. In the year 2000, they will try again, with another Southern candidate, Al Gore. Only with that Dixie drawl at the bead of the ticket have the Democrats proved able to stop a Republican sweep of the Southern states. The scurrilous theory says that the main dynamic of the next four years will be the battle for the soul of the Democratic party. On the one side stands Clinton's suburban The evidence is a bit mixed. centrism, embodied in the succession of Al Gore. On the advertising funds from New other stands a Congressional Democrat like the Congressional leaders Dick Gephardt of ously selective about the Missouri and David Bonior of states and the Democratic Michigan, representing a candidates he has chosen for shift back to the traditional Democratic party of the New Deal and big government, the urban base and the unions.

hattle will be free trade, the hallmark of the Clinton Presidency, but the bugbear of traditional Democrats. Next year, Congress will be faced with Chile's application to join Mexico and Canada in the North American Free the suburbanisation of the suburbanisation of

trade and "an end to welfare | David Bonior do not. The | nia, Nevada, Texas and Florstrongest argument against the scurrilous theory is that Republican majorities in either House or Senate will enable their committee chairmen to convene new Congresional hearings into Whitewater, and keep up the nagging and potentially lethal

pressure on the White House. Bill Clinton must weigh his worry about his and Hillary's
vulnerability to such a
renewed assault against his
determination to build a lasting political legacy. He thinks in Rooseveltian proportions, of crafting a centrist new Democratic coalition to render them the natural party of government in an era when most voters inhabit middleclass suburbs.

HE test of the scurrilous theory is the · degree to which Clinton is investing his vast financial and political capital in these last campaigning days to help elect a Democratic Congress. advertising funds from New England to the national party coffers. But he has been curi

Michigan, representing a shift back to the traditional Democratic party of the New Deal and big government the orban base and the unions. The immediate focus of this battle will be free trade, the hallmark of the Clinton Presidency, but the bugbear of traditional Democrats. Next the page of the control of ate seats); in Ohio and Pennsylvania (for himself, and three possible Congressional

ide: almost all states where his prospects of piling up a landslide are rather better than making Congressional gains. He is not camp in his native Arkansas (where he might help strug-gling Democrats hold threat-ened House and Senate seats). nor the north-western state of Washington, where he could heip Democrats gain five

seats.
On this last campaigning lap, he is ducking Georgia, where Democrats are struggling to hold seats against the Republican tide, and North and South Carolina, perhaps the best prospects for the Democrats to gain two Senate seats, against the nonagenarian Strom Thurmond and the septuagenarian reactionary Jesse Helms.

To be fair, Clinton remains contentious enough in the Carolinas for the local Democrats to be not exactly clam-ouring for his appearance. They would, however, like some of his overflowing campaign funds. As of last week, Clinton still had almost \$12 millions in his warchest, against Dole's \$7 millions. A cynic might conclude that Clinton would rather pile up a massive landslide than help elect a Democratic Congress which could prove troublesome, now that he has learned to work reasonably well with Newt Gingrich and

the Republicans.
That same cynic might also conclude that Clinton is so keen to rebuild a New Democrat party in his own image to re-elect the old one, particularly when they proved so unruly and unhelpful in his first two wretched years in Registered Chority 292506

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Paradise lost and found

was the youn-gest and the last survivor of the outstanding directors - René Clair, Jean Renoir, Julien Duvivier, Sacha Guitry, Jacques Feyder, Marcel Pagnol — who dominated French cinema in films, it is that group directed scripted by Jacques Prevert — Nord, Le Jour Se Lève, Les Visiteurs du Soir, Les Enfants du Paradis — that for most people today symbolise a colden age of French films.

Carne successfully maintained the secret of his exact age (in his earlier years, his purpose was to disguise his youth when looking for work) but it is most likely that be was born in 1906, the son of a Parisian cabinet maker. His mother died when he was five, and, after a brief period duraccompanied his young father to work during the day and on sexual adventures at night, he was rescued and coddled by His father wanted him to follow his own trade; and a period of training as a wood carver seems to have given with craftsmanship, Impatient to earn money, he abandoned his apprenticeship, to work in a bank, a grocery and an insurance company. The cinema, though, was irresistible. As a child he adored a magic lantern given him by his grandmother. Growing up, he spent all his spare cash on movies and music halls, and took night classes in photogra-

phy and film technique. In 1928, a chance meeting with the actress Françoise Roas assistant by her husband, the gifted Belgian-born director Jacques Feyder. When Feyder left for Hollywood. Carné became second assistant to René Clair, whom he did not much admire, on Sous les toits de Paris. On Feyder's return to France, Carne rejoined him and remained admiration for Feyder's talent, along with Rosay's sympathy, seems to have compensated for Feyder's compulsively sadistic treatment of his

At the same time, Carné was contributing perceptive criticism to film magazines. making clear his admiration for the German directors Fritz

era and film stock to make a charming, observant docu-mentary about holidaying working-class Parisians, No-gent — Eldorado du Dimonche Carné's chance to direct professionally came in 1936, when Feyder left for England to direct Marlene Dietrich in Knight Without Armour, for Alexander Korda. Carné remained in Paris to direct Rosay in *Jenny*, adapted from a novel by Pierre Rocher. He chose as his script-writer Jac ques Prévert, initiating one of



Les Enfants du Paradis remains undiminished after half a century

the most productive directorscreen history. The two were not an obvious match, despite their shared working-class origins and sympathies. Prevert was a poet, indelibly marked by the surrealist experience: Carné was a careful, forma craftsman who stuck rigidly to his scripts and abhorred improvisation and the

ity would later lead François Truffaut to libe, meanly, that Carné had merely arranged the pictures for films created underestimation of the undeniable collaborative chemistry: neither artist was ever again to match the best work of their partnership in the

In Jerny, Prévert, Carné and another future regular collaborator, the composer Joseph Kosma, gave style to a sentimental melodrama. Their second collaboration. Drôle de Drame is much more Prévert than Carné, a crazy crime comedy set in a fantasy Lon-don and based on a comic Victorian novel. The Lungtic at Large: His First Offence.

This film marked the recruitment of another indisneable fixture collaborator. the Hungarian-born designer Alexander Traumer. A critical and commercial disaster on its first appearance, the film has acquired a cult reputa-tion, helped by an extraordi-nary cast which includes Ro-Jean-Louis Barrault, Michel Simon and Louis

Quai des brumes (1938), Hôtel du Nord (1938) and Le Jour se lève (1939) achieved unaniacclaim and defined a whole era of French cinema, terised as "poetic realism". The dark expressionis look of the films and the fatalism of their stories of doomed fugitives undone by love Louis Jouvet in the second Jean Gabin in the others) chimed with the mood of the Front Populaire and the omi-nous months before the econd world war. Préver was in America during the production of Hotel du Nord, and the free adaptation of Eugène Dabit's stories of those who arrived at a small hotel was by Jean Aurenche and

Unlike Clair, Renoir, Duvi-

vier and Feyder, the mono lingual Carne chose to remain project of Les Vistieurs du soir (1942), a costume fantasy set in the 15th century and relating how love triumphs over the machinations of the devil, was clearly a safer choice for the occupation period than a con-temporary subject might have been. Post facto suggestions that the film was not merely escapism, but embodied allegory on the occupation, with Jules Berry's lusty devil rep-resenting Hitler, are not convincing. Yet the appearance of this stylish and spectacular work during the occupation ening affirmation of the sur-

The apogée of the Carné-Prévert-Trauner-Kosma collaboration was Les Enfants du Paradis, released in 1945. A fictionalised portrait of the



masterly, novel-style narra-tive and visual magnificence betrayed nothing of the difficulties of production, resulting from war shortages and enforced stoppages. With Trauner's astonishing sets, the great crowd scenes and the playing of Barrault. Maria Casares, Arletty and Pierre Brasseur, the film remains a mon-ument of French and indeed of

revived recently, its magic proved to be undiminished The post-war period was not to be kind to Carné. When Les Enfants du Paradis was premiered, his friend and star Arletty was in prison, as a result of her love affair with a German officer. (Her gallant riposte became famous: "My neart belongs to France but my ass is the world's."). Carné himself was publicly rebuked for continuing to work in occupied and Vichy France.

world cinema. Restored and

Carné's last true collaboration with Prévert, Les Portes de la nuit (1946), was to have Jean Gabin, then in a roman-tic relationship; but both withdrew, leaving Carné to work with the charming but inexperienced Yves Montand; and Lang and FW Murnau. He decade from 1936 to 1945. Inalso collaborated on some deed, neither produced any short advertising films. In work of lasting significance Paris of the 1840s and offered a critics or public. Gabin vague's campaign of denigra-

haunting allegory of the returned to Carné however to tion of the "cinèma de papa". direct a Franco-Italian-Gerrelationship and contradictions of life and art. The film's cess of an adaptation of film-makers whom he felt had based on a Maupassant story. Georges Simenon's La Marie

> After that Carné's work, for all its ambitions, was uneven and uncertain. A dream fantasy with Gérard Philippe, Ju liette ou la cief des songes (1951) was destroyed by the critics; Therese Raquin (1953), con-ceived as film noir, and with Simone Signoret and Raf Val-lone, did better. L'Air de Puris (1954), about the relationship of a veteran trainer (Gabin) and a young boxer is the most cism in Carnè's career Roland Lesaffre, who plays the friend and Carné's archivist Le Pays d'ou je viens (1956) was

experiment with the musical and with colour. Carné enjoyed his bigges post-war success with Les Tricheurs (1958), a view of hedonistic Parisian youth in the nuclear age which now looks sensationalised and hypocritically moralistic. Terrain vague (1960) was a more like-able but commercially far less successful study of delinquent youth. With his commitment to traditional craft and studio

to star the singer Gilbert Bé-

caud, and permitted Carné to

destroyed his career, added to his bitterness at the events of the liberation period, stayed with him to the end of his life. But the last years of his film career were not lucky. A comedy thriller, Du Mouron pour les petits oisenux (1968), and a Simenon thriller Trois Chambres à Manhatian (1965) had no success, and after Les Jeunes Loups, the portrait of a Lescaut, was hacked by the

E felt that his tract on police brutality, Les Assassins de l'Ordre (1971), was the vicfey and vapid adaptation of HG Wells' visionalast completed film was a finely-wrought, 90-minute tele vision documentary on a series of Byzantine mosaics. La Bible (1977).

Franaise, Indefatigable, he began a new career devising and supervising spectacular image and sound extravagan-zas in Rome, Lourdes and In 1992, he bounced back

into prominence when it was fierce temper — a combina-announced that he was to tion no doubt of his perfection-

The costume picture, which 1989, was to cost over \$5m; and Carné said in his many enthusiastic press interviews that the style would be influenced Renoir and Monet being introduced as walk-on characters The star was to be 15-year-old Virginie Ledoyen

Carné began shooting the film; but after some weeks, for reasons that were never en-tirely clear, funding was cut look competent enough, though some people connected with the film question whether the 86-year-old direc-tor was physically equal to the

In his last years Carné remained talkative, tetchy and truculent. He felt that the French cinema's renewed success with big-budget productions like Jean de Plorette and Cyrano de Bergerac vindicated his unchanging belief in the well-made film. He was given In 1980 Carné was elected a well-made film. He was given may have provided some commember of the Académia to iconoclastic views, even appensation for the disappointproving the "colourisation" of Les Enfants du Paradis as well as of his other black-end-white

explained simply.
On set Carne was famous for his martinet discipline and

Umberto Agnelli, former

Development, 53; Prof Sir Hermann Bondi, physicist, humanist, 77; Sharron

Victoria de los Angeles,

Birthdays

ism, the lasting insecurities of a self-educated man, and inradicable sensitivity about

his short stature.

Carné never openly ac-knowledged his evident homosexuality; and perhaps this lay at the bottom of his essential privacy, despite a notorious garrulity. An autobiographical volume, La Vie à belles dents, is singularly unrevealing of the man. As president of the 1982 Venice Film Festival jury, Carné issued a surprising minority statement expressing his regret that his fellow jurors had neglected to honour Rainer Werner Fassbinder's homoerotic Querelle, With admirable prescience he declared that "R W Fassbinder's last work, whether one deplores it or takes pleasure in it, will one day have its place in the history of the

The many awards and honours latterly showered upon Carné and Les Enfants du Paradis (last year he received a Life Achievement Award from the European Film Academy) reputation during his last half

David Robinson

Marcel Carne (Albert Cranche). film-maker, born August 18, died October 31, 1995

Derek Tangye

The world beat a path to his door

newspaper journalist and his wife. Jeannie, was the head of public relations for the Savoy Hotel Group when. in 1949, they decided to abandon London for a different sort of contentment in a remote corner of Cornwall. We both wanted to find a totally new way of life and selves," he once told me.

There, in a cottage, Dorminack, without electricity (at first and a telephone (never) above the cliffs on the west-era tip of Cornwall, they found love and freedom in their smallholding and in their stories. The Minack Chronicks was Derek's writ-

Derek had already written three books, including a travel book, before the move to Cornwall, and had not thought he would write an-other. The first in the Minack Chronicles was the best-sell-ing A Gull on the Roof which "came from the heart" and opened up a career to run parallel with the market gar-dening, the donkey-keeping,

It was a tough life, crowded with the physical graft of making a living from the Cornish earth, getting their pota-toes and daffodils to the Penzance train and bound for the market up-country. The water came from the well. They were often hard up.

in his admirable style, with

humour and sincerity, the se-crets of the bonds between snimals and humans. There were some 20 books in the Chronicles, with titles like Monty's Leap, The Ambrose Rock, A Cal in the Window, A Donkey in the Meadow, A Drake at the Door and When the Winds Blow. These, and Dorminack itself, were far removed from the new world of the big kill in film and elevision rights.

Derek described the Chron-

icles as a diary and "the story of the progress of life". Sentiment and affection were at the heart of his writ-ings and drew readers from all over the world to find their

HE author Derek Tan- nish years, a quietly popular and the remoteness from so- way down the long winding Herbert to the former deputy gye, who has died aged series of tales of rural life called civilisation.

84. was a national depicting Jeannie as the He discovered and released sentimentality such a crime Brown. while evil violence and cheatwhile evil, violence and cheating are accepted? One has almost to apologise for sentiment. Sentiment is love—and what is wrong with that?" he added. "What I am doing in my books is saying a lot of things other people say to themselves—only they don't put it into words."

He believed many people

He believed many people found at Dorminack an anchor in their lives. The place became so famous that the QE2 came close in shore one day, so that the couple could day, so that the couple could take their donkeys down to the cliff edge at Mount's Bay and return the greetings of the passengers. Many other celebrities found their way there, from author Sir Alan

In 1990, Derek was included In 1990, Derek was included in the top 10 of most-borrowed authors from public libraries and the following year The World of Minack was published to celebrate the 30 years since A Gull on the Roof. Few authors had all their books still in print after three decades. three decades.

Tangye came of sterling Cornish stock: his engineering grandfather and family provided equipment to help isambard Kingdom Brune launch his huge vessel, The Great Eastern, from the dock at Millwall. His father had trained as a lawyer and was a deputy lieutenant of Cornwall and joint chairman of the Cornwall Quarter Sessions.



Derek Tangye in Cornwall

The coast-side acres are now in the care of Minack Chronicles Trust. "I have nade it forever Cornwall, to made it forever cornwan, to keep it for the fauna, the ani-mals and insects and keep it for the people who feel rather than just look," he said.

Douglas Williams

Derek Alan Trevithick Tangys, writer, born February 29, 1912; died October 26, 1995

Davies, swimmer, 34; Nigel Dempster, diarist, 55; Lou Donaldson, alto saxophonist, 70; Tazeena Firth, stage and costume designer, 61; Bruce Grocott, Labour MP, 56; Mark Hughes, footballer, 33; Roger Kellaway, composer and planist, 57; Andrew Knight, former challenge. Knight, former chairman, News International, 57; Ted Lowe, snooker commentator 76, Dr J Dickson Mabon.

former Labour minister, 71 Naomi Mitchison, novelist 99; Nick Owen, broadcaster, 49; Gary Player, golfer, 61; John Pullen, rugby player, 55; Gerald Ratner, former chairman, Ratners' jewellers, 47; Lee Ritenour, jazz guitar-

deputy chairman, Fiat, 62; prano, 73; Jacques Attali, former president, European Bank for Reconstruction and

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In Memoriam

Jackdaw



First class

TOMORROW1 will begin with the Floer homology semmar (Wednesdays 4pm. Room 1). The first lecture is of ject is to show how Feynman path integrals in phase space with quadratic Hamiltonians lead to the Schroedinger equation and the metaplectic

In the course of this, one encounters fundamental notions of symplectic geometry, such as the symplectic action and its Hessian, generating functions, and the Maslov index, which also play an im-portant role in Floer Everyone is welcome. A beautiful example of scienunderstand it. Thanks to fom Warwick University.

Slow line-up

JOHN Williams had to pick a police identity parade of seven others, after Tara went missing from her home at Sedbury, Gloucestershire. "We suspected it was Tara, but we had to make sure," said PC Dave Jones, after raiding a Cardiff pet shop. Police later confirmed Tara's identity by using family photographs. From the animal crime-watch reports in Country Life.

Science shop

HUMAN beings walk the way they drive — which is to say that Americans tend to keep to the right when they stroll down shopping mall concourses or city sidewalks. This is why, in a well-designed airport, travellers drifting toward their gate will always find the fast-food restaurants on their left and the gift shops on their right people will readily cross a lane of pedestrian traffic to rarely to make an impulse

buy of a T-shirt or a magazine. This is also why Paco Underhill tells his retail cli-

ents to make sure that their window displays are canted, preferably to both sides but especially to the left, so that a potential shopper approach-ing the store on the inside of the sidewalk — the shopper with the least impeded view of the store window — can see the display from at least 25

Of course, a lot depends on how fast the potential shop-per is walking. Paco, in his previous life as an urban geographer in Manhattan, spent a great deal of time thinking about walking speeds as he listened in on the great debates of the 1970s, over whether the traffic lights in midtown should be timed to facilitate the movement of cars or to facilitate the movement of pedestrians and so break up the big pla-toons that move down Man-

hattan sidewalks. He knows that the faster you walk, the more your peripheral vision narrows, so you become unable to pick up visual clues as quickly as someone who is just ambling along. He knows, too, that people who walk fast take a surprising amount of time to

slow down — just as it takes a good stretch of road to change gears with a stick-shift automobile. On the basis of his research. Paco estimates the human downshift period to be anywhere from 12 to 25 feet, so if you own a store, he says, you never want to be next door to a bank: potential shoppers speed up when the walk past a bank (since there's nothing to look at), and by the time they slow down they've walked right past your business. The downshift factor also neans that when potential



and refocus and gear down from walking speed to shop-ping speed — particularly if they've just had to navigate a treacherous parking lot or hurry to make the light at 57th and Fifth. The science of shopping ma-nipulation described in the New Yorker.

shoppers enter a store it's go-

ing to take them from five to

15 paces to adjust to the light

The tragedy

THE VENUE: In the Derbyshire suite of Southampton's Hotel Ibis the future of com-puter games is being enacted. The room is packed with 30 or so young men, the youngest of whom looks about seven, the eldest going on 50. Thirty-odd PCs sit on a bunch of tables. The curtains are drawn against the brilliant sunshine A sierra of dead french fries and hooch bottles sit piled in the middle of the room. There is a smell in the air... It's the miasma of sweaty adolescence: a wall of BO; a sea of

unwashed armpits. This is Netmeet: a coming together of souls dedicated to one task — the non-stop partaking of multiplayer network computer games. Some people go to the seaside on Bank Holi-

days. Some stay in and watch James Bond. Others visit rela tives. This Bank Holiday, the people here have made the pil-grimage from all over the country to join in a weekend of virtual battles of Doom, of Quake, All have brought their own PCs. There are old scores to be settled, and new glory to he had. Many know each other on-line on Compuserve. Many have fought and ex-changed insults over the modem. Many proudly wear wear T-shirts emblazoned with their heroic "screen names" (Slayer, Eubanks, Mort Madness and Phantom). Many look like they're barely

strong enough to deliver a Chinese burn. But no matter. In the virtual arena, mouse skill, co-or-dination, reflexes and the ack of a girlfriend are the attributes which make a powerful network warrior. The bottles of the future. Escape, the magazine for net nerds who are also men.

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Finance Guardian

Computer bug halts brokerage

Dan Atkinson and Mark Tran in New York

IDELITY Brokerage one of Britain's big-gest agency stockbrokers, has been forced by chronic problems in its computer settlement system to suspend taking on new

A squad of experts has been sent in by Fidelity's US parent — one of the world's leading investment groups — and City regulators are moni-

and City regulators are moni-toring urgent efforts to remedy the problems.

Any of Fidelity's 35,000 Brit-ish clients who have suffered losses because of the com-puter breakdown would be compensated, said the Securities and Futures Authority, the agency that regulates

Fidelity announced yester-day it would suspend for up to three months the taking on of any new clients and the launching of new products.
Tarot, the share settlement

system, was installed last spring; shortly afterwards a wave of complaints from clients deluged Fidelity.
Some had not been paid
their dividends, others lost
tax breaks because of delays

in processing paperwork for personal equity plans (PEPs). Payments were made to the wrong accounts, there were delays in executing instructions and inaccurate portfolio statements were drawn up. Some complaints were subject to delays and letters went

About 200 Fidelity clients have taken their business elsewhere as a result of the problems with Tarot.

in August, the SFA con-firmed was helping Fidelity to sort out complaints from the public. Fidelity agreed to stop cleared up. Yesterday the to the problems. group said: "Progress is being made, but more time is Britain come at needed." It would take no new customers "until [we] ... can demonstrate to the SFA that the service offered ... meets [our] ... normal high standards.

SFA plans war games with US

THE Securities and Putures Authority is to conduct "war games" with its US opposite number, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to prepare for emergencies like the collapse of Barings.

Chairman Nicholas Durlacher and chief executive Richard Farrant vesterday

Richard Farrant yesterday told MPs on the back-bench Treasury Select Committee the two regu-lators would begin testing their combined responses to hypothetical financial emergencies early next

"[We have] ... offered, and will offer, compensation on an ex gratia basis to any existing customer who has suf-fered loss as a direct consequence of ... computer problems." Phil West of Fidelity said

the company was filing monthly reports to the SFA. "We have lost clients, we regret that," he said. As regards compensation: any client ... as a result of errors or problems ... has ac-tually suffered some kind of loss, we would be duty-

London company, TCA Syn-ergo. Terry Chapman, chair-man of TCA Synergo's board, said the system had been suc-cessfully installed at about one in four of all UK brokers, including the Barcleys Stockbrokers operation. It was "the market leader for settlement

systems".

It is thought Synergo be-lieves the installation of Tarot coincided with a flood of business into Fidelity Bro-

Fidelity's difficulties in Britain come at a time when America's largest unit-trust group is losing favour with investors in its home market. Fidelity usually attracts the mutual funds (unit trests).



PILKINGTON, the world's biggest glass maker, admitted yesterday that it has trading conditions in Europe, writes ian King. Announcing a 27 per cent

chairman Sir Nieel Rudd. seated, and chief executive Roger Leverton said weaker prices in France and Germany were mainly dive in half-year pre-tax | Pilkington said its ian group SIV.

performing well, however, particularly those in North and South America. In all. sales jumped by 12 per cent to £1.2 billion, boosted by said Pilkington expected to reduce costs by some £70 million over the next year. Pilkington shares closed up to at 170p on the statement.

are a safer bet than their transatlantic counterpart.

Warburg lands £1bn Japan deal

monetary union John Palmer in Brassels

Telecom to bail

out France for

sion yesterday formally accepted plans by the French government to use \$5.5 billion from the stateowned France Telecom to help it quality for monetary

The money, which will be used to help reduce the nation's 1997 budget deficit, will be handed over in return for the state taking responsibility for the company's

pensioners.
Without the transaction, the French budget deficit for 1997, the year countries will be judged on for monetary union qualification, risked being more than 3.5 per cent.

union qualification, risked being more than 3.5 per cent. This compares with a target figure of 3 per cent set out in the Maastricht treaty. In spite of grumbles from the British and German gov-ernments, the Commission's decision is backed by the ma-levity of the 15 EU member jority of the 15 EU member

The director general of Eurostat, Yves Franchet, decided this morning to accept the French government pro-posal." a European Commis-sion spokesman told a news conference in Brussels yester-

In spite of this, some German government officials have complained that the decision to approve the money transfer, has set a bad pracedent. A number of other governments are also discussing with Eurostat how the technical rules governing what is and is not included in the definition of a budget deficit

might apply to them. The French government regards the agreement with France Telecom as entirely legitimate since it involves a transfer of capital to the state and is not a mere financial device. "That is our view as

well and it is sho the view of international fund-raising a majority of national governdess for a leading Japanese ment experts who have studied this question in de-tail," a spokesman for the irish Presidency of the Euro-pean Union observed.

German government un-ease over the France Telecom question comes after the Com-mission decision not to define in figures the economic cir-cumstances under which a

country taking part in the single currency might be given; temporary permission to run a higher budget deficit.

The German government is virtually sions in insisting that a precise fall in GDP should be agreed to define "temporary and exceptional" circumstances and so trigger an easing of the budget deficit constraints.

The precise wording of the pact, which will commit countries in the Euro bloc to long-term monetary stability, will be discussed by finance ministers later this month be fore being submitted for their approval to EU heads of government at the Dublin summit in December.

The German government, fearful of the possibility of an anti-EMU backlash from the influential Bundesbank, is still taking a tough position over the future of the stability pact and the way in which the Maastricht treaty criteria — the second in as many should be applied when months in an industry countries are judged for mon-

etary union.
"The Germans are, naturally enough, adopting hard ball tactics over issues such as France Telecom and the terms of the EMU stability pact," a senior Commission official said, adding. "But the great majority of member states take the same view as the Commission that it justifies relaxing the rules."

large Japanese companies.
Over the last four years, the biggest US investment banks

tional offerings. SBC Warburg is leading the huge buggest US investment banks have helped to arrange more Sec WARBURG, the investment group, looks set to become the first than 15 trillion yen worth of financing deals for Japanese

uropean bank to clinch a big But SBC Warburg is underdeal for a leading Japanese company, by winning the mandare to raise 200 billion yen (£1.08 billion) for the Tokyo-based Fuji Bank.

The deal, which will be announced within the next couple of weeks, represents a vital breakthrough in SBC Warburg's attempts to challenge Wall Street's virtual monopoly on handling international equity offerings for

stood to have been awarded the mandate from a final the mandate from a final the mandate has been for-shortlist including two US mally signed, with a public groups, Goldman Sachs and amnouncement due over the Morgan Stanley.
Failure has come as a bitter blow to the two "bulge bracket" banks because of the

in to hidding for the contract. The two US banks had been widely expected to win, be-cause they have a track renational equity offerings for | cord in handling interna- | mandate suggests that Puji | on the size of any pay-off.

with the Japanese domestic banks Nomura and Yamaichi. SBC Warburg declined to make any comment yesterday. But other well-placed market sources confirm that

next couple of weeks.

The decision to award the mandate to a big European bank is being interpreted as evidence of an important strategic shift in favour of the City of London by Japanese companies looking to raise fi-nance. The SBC Warburg

• The top executive who headed the Hill Samuel merchant banking business is quitting the parent company Lloyds TSB. Executive direc tor Hugh Freedberg has been left with no role because of the merger of his business with the main Lloyds corpo-rate banking arm, which began at the start of the year Mr Freedberg is to join the management consultancy

With the exception of Lonfirm Korn Ferry. A spokes-woman conceded that he had effectively been made redun-dant but declined to comment

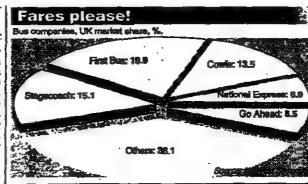
Cowie's £282m proposed offer for Jobs HQ cuts British Bus referred to the MMC

Keith Herper

OWIE Group's proposed £282 million takeover of British Bus, making it Britain's third-biggest bus company, was referred to the Monop-olies and Mergers Commission by the Government yesterday on the grounds that it could create unfair competition.

Announcing the referral the second in as many which has seen plenty of predatory behaviour since deregulation in the 1980sconsumer affairs minister John Taylor said the deal could affect competition in

Surrey and Kent.
Mr Taylor said the MMC inquiry did not prejudge the takeover as being against the public interest should be a question of politi-cal judgment for ministers seen as an attempt by min-when a situation arises which listers to show they are pre-



against high-profile take-overs ahead of the election. The decision took the City by surprise, wiping £23 million off Cowie's tock market value. Cowie, which owns 6,400

rehicles, is based in Sunderland but owns two of the London bus companies which were franchised in

buy-out from the coach and

British Bus was former in 1992 after a management

ress, and when Cowie took it over there were estimates it would holst its market share by more than 10 per

Cowie said last night it

has already started looking at the number of routes it operates in London. The MMC has to report back to the Government by March, and Cowie believes the sinciure of these companies does not operate against the public interest or "prej-udice competition".



Cowie said the reference nvolved a small proportion of its London bus operations and an even smaller proportion of its total UK bus operations, adding that it understood the British Bus deal would give it 26 per cent of the tenderedout routes in London, compared with the Government's preferred limit of

Keeping it equal in the boardroom



Edited by Mark Milner

HE Confederation of boards, especially not of the kind widely adopted in continental Europe.

It argues supervisory boards slow decision making, put a distance between execu-tives and their shareholding owners and have not been shown to enhance value. It worries they could duplicate the role of audit and remuner-

ation committees. But the CBI is in danger of undermining its argument for "collegiate" or "sharing" boardrooms by raising the question of whether non-executive utive directors should bear equal liability before the law as executive directors for failures such as fraud. It argues that even if non-executives ask the right questions, a de-termined executive can still pull the wool over their eyes.

But surely such a legal de-marcation within the boardroom leans towards a two-tier board structure? It would place more empha

sis on the supervisory role of the non-executives than on their contribution to discus-sions about (say) five-year plans and strategic direction of the companies on whose boards they sit.
The CBI faces a dilemma.

its members who are executives don't want policemen looking over their shoulders. But they have to hire non-ex-ecutives and want people willing to make more than a token contribution to board discussions. At the same to be exposed to potentially costly lawsuits because executives have led them up the zarden path.

Clearly, non-executive directors are at a disadvantage compared with their executive counterparts. It can be uncomfortable. But taking on a directorship should mean a recognition of responsibility. Judges can decide in specific cases whether non-executives were negligent or genuinely did their best to uncover problems. Statute law should continue to regard them as equal members of the board-Europe's financial markets room.

On the buses

S THE election approaches, the Government is showing signs of anxiety over the deregulation of the bus industry, which it sold for a song in the late

don where individual franchise companies are still reg-ulated by London Transport. competition has had free rein. Go down some of the main feeder routes into Manchester today, and you will discover

at least half a dozen compa-nies competing with each over one route into the city centre. This is taking open competition to extremes, par-ticularly if operators are prepared to cut profit margins in order to make a living.

Proponents of the free mar-ket would argue that all this should be good news for pas-sengers and for the political parties which are laying in-creasing emphasis on the importance of public transport.
Yet figures yesterday from
the Department of Transport
show that the public's use of
London buses has increased
over the past year, but outside the control jet it deptime. side the capital it is declining It may be that the public love affair with the car has some bearing on the figures, at least outside the capital's often congested roads. But it

also suggests that consumers do not regard the restructur-ing of the bus industry as an unmixed blessing. Yesterday's decision to re fer the Cowie bid for British Bus to the Mergers and Mo-nopolies Commission gives competition authorities the chance to take a hard look at what is happening. They

Logical move

r CAN hardly come as a surprise that the Govern-ment has decided to press ahead with the sale of its £1.1 billion worth of loans to the Housing Corporation in Eng-land and its Scottish and Welsh counterparts. Environment Secretary

John Gummer argues that Housing Associations have proved quite capable of raising loans from the private sector to supplement the cash allocated to them in grant

So selling of the existing loan portfolio to the private sector can be seen as a logical extension of what is already happening. Ministers will not have been deterred either by the expressions of "consider able interest" already

That is hardly surprising tremely attractive, with fixed rates of up to 15 per cent several percentage points

The money from the sale of the portfolio will no doubt come in handy when the Chancellor does his Budget sums. Given the current interest rates structure, the Government can expect the best bits of the loan portfolio to change hands at well above face value.

Mr Gummer says he will only go ahead if satisfactory bids are received. The con-cern must be that the private sector will want to cherry pick the portfolio and will be able to outbid housing associ-ations who might otherwise debt and thus reduce their

The final decision should rest not simply on maximis ing the return to the Treasury but should also consider the impact on the costs of social housing. It was after all to help provide social housing that the loans were made in

employment secretary, David Blunkett, said the redundan-cies would hit local industries

in the Sheffield area and have a "devastating knock-on ef-fect". He added: "It is deplor-

able that the Government is making decisions that they

are unlikely to have to implement themselves." Richard

Caborn, Labour MP for Shef-

field Central, condemned the

plans. The Government was ripping the heart out of the Employment Service "at a

time when there is a desper

ate need for more investment in skills training and job cre-

Keith Wylie, national offi-cer for the Public Services,

Tax and Commerce Union,

said the cuts came as employ-

1,750 staff

ORE than 1,750 jobs are to be cut at the Employment Service as part of a three-year cost-cutting programme. The plans, outlined to staff

esterday, will see more than half the government agency's headquarters staff axed, and they provoked condemnation from the Labour Party and trade unions last night.

The brunt of the job losses will fall on the Sheffield and London offices, but nine regional offices will also be hit. The plan is part of measures aimed at lopping one third off the headquarters pay bill of £70 million.

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The Shadow education and new Job Seekers Allowance.

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£9m issue to fund leisure expansion

Sarah Whitebloom

T MAY have made its name from racing, but Brands Hatch Leisure wner of the internation ally renowned motor-sports track - made clear vester day that fast cars would be only part of its future.
Unveiling a £9.3 million
new issue — which values
the company at £34.3 mil-

- Brande Hatch said it planned to use part of the cash to invest in entertain-ment and conference facilities as well as rally schools.
About £4 million will go to repay bank debt, which totalled around £12 million

at the end of August.

Led by Nicola Foulston,
the chief executive, aged 29, Brands Hatch is set on exploiting its brand name to boost revenues. Al-

though best known for events such as the British Formula Three, the firm — which also owns Oulton Park, Snetterton and Cadwell Park - aims to proweil Fark — alms to promote "extra activities".

Of the money raised, s3 million will go on catering and conference facilities. The company plans to

spend a further £2 million on updating the grandstand

and infrastructure at Brands Hatch race track. Brands Hatch made a prehrands hatch made a pre-tax profit of £1.6 million in the eight months to the end of August. The shares will be floated at 157p, and first dealings are expected to start on 7 November.

Left: Frank Biela's Audi at the GB Touring Cars Championships, Brands Hatch, in April

Murdoch pulls Warner plug

EDIA empires Time Warner poration were at loggerheads last night after BSkyB pulled the plug on today's high profile sunch of the Warner Channel. Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation is furlous with Time Warner for refusing to allow its Fox Television's allnews channel on the US company's New York cables. Mr Murdoch, whose News International owns 40 per cent of the satellite network,

refusing to carry Time; sulate most directors from Warner's family entertainment channel in the UK. "We've got some prob-lems," said Barbara Brog-liatti, a spokeswoman for

Warner in the US. Chris Haynes, a spokesman for BSkyB, would say only: "We are still in discussions." Time Warner has won a preliminary injunction in a Manhattan federal court and has requested a permanent order blocking New York from carrying Fox News on

its public access channels. The news came as BSkyB was braced for a showdown with investors at today's

being fired by shareholders. The issue comes up because one of BSkyB's main shareholders, Chargeurs of France, has altered the structure of its take and the broadcaster wants to maintain protection for its two directors.

Chargeurs' stake is now held through newsreel company Pathé with the same two directors. Michel Crepon and Jerome Seydoux. The investment advisory

group, Pirc, said yesterday that protecting directors nominated by big sharehold ers against re-election was inimical to the idea of equal rights for all shareholders.

Protection from re-election

of BSkyB when a slice of its shares was liceted on the Stock Market. News International has three executive directors, and Granada, another leading investor, also nominates pro tacted directors.

A vote by 25 per cent of shareholders against en-trenchment is needed and, nate substitutes for board meetings they cannot attend — which opened the way for Mr Murdoch's daughter Eliza-beth to be named as a substisays Pirc, investors with directors' rights account for less than the 75 per cent needed to swing the vote. Pathé's directors will have

to stand for re-election before shareholders vote on transfer ring their immunity.
BSkyB said it thought the

institutions had misunder-

tional directors.

Pire said yesterday this was not in the interests of minority shareholders as alternate directors are not subject to

election and it can mean that an executive director substi-

nectations of the Association

National Association of Pen-

The controversy has been fuelled by BSkyB's practice of

allowing directors to nomi-

sion Funds.

election contravenes the ex-In addition to Ms Murdoch of British Insurers and the there are five other alternate directors who. Pirc estimates

board membership.

BSkyB will today unveil first quarter figures which are expected to allow News Corporation an improved valuation for its plans to issue convertible preference shares against its BSkyB stake to raise about £617 million for digital TV expansion.

Sources close to BSkyB said last night that the company was unlikely today to disclose details of the contracts it has signed with suppliers for a digital black box decoder.

from the hotel industry

within the next fortnight

when it sells the Princes

Princess, which owns 10

hotels in glamour resorts like

Acapulco, Bermuda and the Bahamas, is understood to

have attracted a host of poten-

tial buyers, led by America's

Fairmont Hotel and its part-

owner, Saudi Arabia's Prince al-Waleed.

According to reports from the Middle East, the Prince has exclusive negotiating

rights on the chain, which is

expected to attract a price tag

of at least £350 million.

News in brief

LBS brands Clarke's rate rise unnecessary

THE Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's decision to raise base rates this week was unnecessary, the latest overview of the economy from the London Business School says today.

Fears of inflation rising on the back of the pick-up in consumer spending are misplaced, the report by the Centre for Economic Forecasting at the LBS says, and rates could have been left on hold

until after the General Election. Another report published yesterday warned that an explosion by the number of state-dependent pensioners and faster integration of global markets threatens to the Western countries into an era of protectionism, renophobic politics and economic decline. Unsettled Times, by the Chatham House Forum said that with markets de coupling from nation states and governments engaged in a fierce competition for "fligitive capital", the only escape route for industrial countries is to push up retirement ages, tighten welfare budge and invest in skills. — Sarah Ryle and Richard Thomas

Lloyd's reviews regulation

THE Lloyd's of London insurance market yesterday announced plans for a review of its regulatory structure in an attempt to ensure that past lapses are not repeated. The review will look at whether regulation of the \$10 billion-s-year market should be supervised by an organisation outside Lloyd's. It will also examine policyholder protection and the composition of Lloyd's internal supervisory bodies. — Lisa Buckingham

Body Shop's Asian pick-up GROWTH in Body Shop's Asian markets and regeneration in Australia boosted profits of the health and beauty products resaller by 30 per cent to £11.8 million in the first half of the year. Chairman Gordon Roddick halled the group's Asian operations as

Gowrings takeover off

GUINNESS Peat Group, Sir Ron Brierley's investment company, has abandoned a planned takeover of Gowrings, the mini-con glomerate which operates Burger King outlets and two Ford dealerships, blaming Gowring's unwillingness to discuss a recommended deal. Sharee in Gowrings fell 9½p to 75½p on the

Shell profits down

ROYAL Dutch Shell Group yesterday reported third-quarter profits down in spite of the highest oil prices since the Gulf War. The company said margins had been squeezed as supply costs and exploration write-offs outpaced sales growth. Chemical profits, in

line with the rest of the industry, also fell. — Celia Westor

the non-execs

Lisa Buckingtom

■HE Confederation of British Industry yesterday called for an investigation into whether non-exutive directors should be given greater legal protection from prosecution than their executive counterparts.

duties and habilities and are held equally accountable in law, but the CBI is worried that the increased responsibilities of non-executives, which involve audit and remuneration committees, might deter candidates from signing up.

CBI executives are also aware that in the United States the supply of competent independent directors nearly dried up a few years ago because of the threat of legal actions.

The CBI points out that a distinction has been created in case law which suggests that judges do not hold nonexecutives liable for events outside their knowledge. Most information supplied to non-executives comes from executive directors, making the discovery of a fraud, for example, extremely difficult. The CBI is now urging the Hampel committee on the future of corporate gover- plan?

nance to look into the issue. The proposal was part of a as to whether the supervisory or two-tier board system com-mon on the Continent should

unitary boards even though allowing a legal distinction between the liabilities of directors appears to mitigate against the "collegiate" setup. The CBI says the functions of a supervisory board are fulfilled by board committees of non-executive direc-tors looking into issues such as auditing, executive remuneration and senior appointments.

Voluntary two-tier boards are being suggested by the Labour Party, whose propos-als for stakeholder representation in the boardroom are also rejected by the CBi. Martin Broughton, the BAT chief executive who is chair-

committee, said there would be problems in selecting stakeholder representatives There could also be conflicts of interest. How, he asked, could a trade union board representative agree a five-year plan and remain in a position to submit a pay claim which was contrary to that

CBI fretting for Hotels stage revival to rival Sinatra

OUTLOOK/Company doctor seals Metropole deal to cap the Stakis comeback, reports IAN KING

"HE story of hotel group Stakis is of a corporate comeback Oi Blue Eyes rimself would be proud of. The CBI's paper strongly Confirmation yesterday rejects any change to the UK's that Stakis is buying Metro-

pole Hotels from Lonrho for £327 million — a deal first reported in the Guardian completes a stunning revival. In 1992, Stakis was as good as on the mortuary slab. After the acquisition of Me-

five classy four-star botels in London, Brighton, Blackpool and Birmingham - Stakis will be Britain's third biggest hotelier in terms of room numbers. That will put it comfortably ahead of rivals like Queen's Moat Houses and

The recovery is largely down to chief executive David Michels and Sir Lewis Robertson, the company doctor who replaced the group's founder. Cyprus-born Sir Reo Stakis, in 1991. Although Sir Reo is now

back in the chairman's seat, it was Sir Lewis who agreed a debt standstill with the then loss making group's 27 banks began a programme of disposals, and fired Sir Reo's son Andros to replace him with Mr Michels.

with the baton, dragging Sta-kis back into profitability in 1993, winning a reputation for carefully buying underper-forming botel and casino as-

ets and shaking them up. But because Metropole canperformer, having enjoyed steady profits growth in recent years, Mr Michels will no doubt use the exercise to import the best aspects of its management to Stakis. At the same time, Stakis will be able to market its ex-

customer base, and expects to improve occupancy levels by bringing Metropole into its shelved plans to float Prinfavour of a trade sale — is expected to complete its exit

Yesterday's acquisition is for seven rights issue, the third in four years, which will raise £222 million. Although one or two eyebrows will be raised at the size of the cash call, which will increase Stakis's market capital by almost 50 per cent, raising the cash in this way means the group's borrowing — which increases to £330 million will stay at a level appropri-

ate for hotel groups.

The cash call itself is not without interest since in a move designed to save Stakis about £1 million, Schroders, the group's investment bank, has designed a novel way in which to sub-underwrite the

The question now is whether Stakis can continue to grow at the pace it has been setting for the last few years. The company prides itself on an ambitious internal investment programme, which also covers its casino and health club activities, and sets itself

demanding targets.

The company felt confident enough yesterday to publish a profits forecast which predicted an improvement of almost 23 per cent, and the City appeared happy enough with the terms of the Metropole deal, marking the shares up

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Vodafone eases contract terms action unless they responded, a threat withdrawn from Vo-

Chris Barrie Business Correspondent

ODAFONE, the mobile phone operator, was forced to concede yesterof Fair Trading that it must ease the terms and conditions imposed on some subscribers After a long-running dis-pute with the OFT over alle-gations that contracts offered to the public were unfair,

Britain's largest mobile phone company agreed to redraft the terms offered by its Vodacall subsidiary, so that the contracts are easter to terminate, easier to understand and shorter. Among the changes are the

dropping of a £50 disconnection charge, a reduction of the 90-day notice period for termination to one month, and greater flexibility for the consumer to end the agreement if price rises are too great. John Bridgeman, director-general of fair trading, said

eight other mobile phone companies had yet to redraft

their contracts. The compa-nies were warned in June

legal action remained over: Astec Communications; British Telecom; Call Connections (a division of Cellnet); One 2 One (Mercury); Motor-

ola Tel-co; Orange Personal Communications, Peoples Phone Company, and UniqueAir.
Vodafone denied it had performed a climbdown. A spokesman said a number of the contract terms at issue were often not applied in practice.

The argument centres on contracts issued by service providers, retailers who sell phones and bill the public for use of airtime provided by the four UK networks. The OFT and the Consumers' Associa tion have attacked service providers for imposing oner

Cellnet said that it would announce changes to its con-tracts shortly. One 2 One that it was asking the OFT to clarify its position, and BT that it was negotiating changes with that the OFT would take legal | the OFT.

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Bookmakers' tax pledge to punters

unless something can be done

There seems to be a general

assumption that the Chancel-

lor will act on one of the cases

being put forward but Tris-tram Ricketts, chief executive of the BHB, hopes he will see the need to benefit racing

directly.
"We knew the bookmakers

our case, however, that the

likely either side will get ex-actly what it wants.

bridgeshire, reappears in the James Seymour Stakes.

not trouble him, nor the ease in the ground, so he should score again although Tenby's half-brother Bright Water,

guese enclave of Macau where huge sums are bet on

China is to restart horser-acing which was halted in

1987 because of poor equipment and lack of capital.

Gambling is illegal in

China, but racecourse

meetings in Hong Kong.

An extra furlong here will

Chris Hawkins

OOKMAKERS are pledging to cut betting deductions from the current rate of nine per cent to 7.5 per cent if the Chancellor of the Exchequer reduces general betting duty in the budget on Novem-

ber 26. This would mean that punters would be paying less than at any time in the last 25 years - an incentive which would surely stimulate turnover and go some way to reviving an alling betting in-dustry hit by the National Lottery, Bookmakers are asking the

Chancellor for a reduction of 1.25 per cent in general betting duty and this may appeal more to the Chancellor than the British Horseracing Board's submission for a 1.75 per cent reduction.

The BHB, worried about de-clining numbers of owners in racing, has suggested that one per cent should be passed on to the punter and the remaining .75 per cent directed to racing for an immediate boost

to prizemoney.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, tried to give some help when cutting general duty by one per cent last year which the Henley Centre report (commissioned by the book-makers) said boosted turnover by three and a half per

But John Brown, vicechairman of the Bookmakers' Committee, says more is

for nine months as part of

ongoing investigations into

suspected race fixing in a

handicap run at Happy Val-

The Hong Kong Jockey Club has been looking into

ley on October 19.

"A further 1.25 per cent is required just to put the betting industry back into line with the position are 1000 and

with the position pre 1994 and in his pursuit of Saced bin the National Lottery," he Surror in the trainers' chamsaid. "Should the Chancellor pionship but Corradini agree we will immediately (2.30) looks a winner for the reduce betting tax by one and a half per cent." Warren Place maestro in the George Stubbs Rated Handicap. The Henley report indicates that 1,300 betting shops and around 4,000 jobs are at risk

The bottom six in this must all carry over-weight as the minimum is 8st 7lb thus Corradini has less to do under top weight than might at first

about the depressed state of the betting industry. appear. After finishing third in the Ebor, he won driven out at Doncaster looking as if today's longer trip of two miles would be ideal.

John Dunlop's Barnum
Sands (1.20) made the Cecil
hot-pot High Roller pull out
all the stope at Ascot last time would be asking for less in terms of a general betting duty reduction but their inand on that form looks good in the NGK Spark Plugs

tention to cut tax by one and a Stakes. Saced bin Surcor's bid to half per cent to punters is something new," said Rick-etts. "We are sticking with strengthen his trainers' championship claims ended in a damp squib at Nottingwhole industry and not just ham yesterday. The ex-Dubai policeman, betting needs help."

Compromise is the usual politician's approach, of course, and aithough some succour may be given it is unlikely atther the succession of the succession

currently around 231,000 ahead of Henry Cecil in the table, looked to have found the ideal opening for Easy Options in the £7,660 six-forlong Speinton Stakes. But Frankie Dettori's

At Newmarket this after-noon Clifton Fox (1.55), a very easy winner of the Cammount, fourth in the last two runnings of the Group One Prix de l'Abbaye at Long-champ, was ominously easy to back for the Glass C event, drifting from 2-5 to 10-11 be fore the off. She never seemed happy on the soft ground, finishing fourth to Astrac and adding just £379 to Saeed's prizemoney tally.

At a subsequent stewards' inquiry Detiori reported that Easy Options failed to stay the trip, a view backed up by Saeed's representative.

Astrac, who justifled a 400mile round-trip from Gay Kelleway's Whitcombe stable, was scoring for the first time since he took the Wokingham at Royal Ascot for Reg Akehurst in 1995. "He had problems with his



Forehand knowledge . . . Edberg, two weeks from retirement, on his way to victory in Paris against Fernon Wibier

Nasty moments for Mr Nice Guy

Richard Jago in Paris

TEFAN EDBERG came from a set down and a break down in the second set to reach the quarter-finals of the Paris Open, raising hopes that the final formight of a great career may be suitably great career may be suitably climactic by regaining the title he won six years ago. Since 12 seeds had already

fallen prematurely, it seemed less of a surprise that the for-mer Wimbledon champion from Sweden was required to dig himself out of such diffi-culty, even against so obscure an opponent as the Dutchman Fernon Wibier, ranked 211th in the world.

Wibier, who has spent most of his career playing satellite tournaments, was evenimally defeated 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, but he has probably never played better than in the past four days. This upsurge has happened, rather perversely Wibier believes, since he began parttime study. He frequently served better than Edberg and for helf the match served at his for half the match served at his

best when it mattered most. Wibier also turned the spectators' mood around completely. Routinely they might have backed the underdog but, because he was playing Edberg, Wibier had to earn their support. The departing Mr Nice Guy commanded most of the female applause, and many of the others

cheered him too as the Great Retiring Champ. However, by the time Wibier had saved one break by breaking him for the first point in the second game and time in the 16th game. This three in a row in the sixth between breaking Edberg's serve in a doglight of a game lasting 14 rallies — the crowd had transferred their sympathies.

When Wibier unleased an evilly swerving forehand pass at full gallop to help break Edberg again, the audience, sensing another famous scalp might be lifted, gave Wibier their most generous applause "He did surprise me," admitted Edberg. "I had to work very hard and, in the end, I think I produced some good tennis. But it was tough."

time in the 16th game. This was followed by a further break two service games later, which gained Edberg the second set, and by yet another at the start of the third. After that Edberg's blocked returns and rolling backhand drives began to sweep in waves over and around Wi-

bier's net game. servedly earned Edberg a standing ovation.

That good tennis came in a sudden flood after Edberg had cracked Wibier's resistance by breaking him for the first the seeds going out." Earlier Wayne Ferreira (7), Todd Martin (11) and Felix Mantilla (15) were all beaten, respectively by Magnus Gus-talsson, Paul Haarhuis and Marc Rosset, who had already accounted for Agassi, Ivanise-

The fourth seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov, however, looked ominously secure, smartly ac-The contest finished with a wrong-footing forehand topspin lob, which descended in a majestic parabola and deRoland Garros in June and in Lvon in October, the young Russian looks increasingly "There is an opportunity well placed to complete a rare here now, I can see that," he French hat-trick.

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European Cup Winners' Cup, second round, second leg: Liverpool 6, FC Sion 3 (agg: 8-4)

Fowler feasts in feeding frenzy

IVERPOOL actively courted disaster before ruthlessly imposing their will on night. Five goals in the second half moved Liverpool als of the Cup Winners' Cup. On a Hallowe'en night that On a Hallowe'en night that one a surprisingly accommight have sent even the plished side and, among the arch of sanctuary, Anfield

round a besotted Merseyside public had walked through he wind and rain chasing that special magic

On a playing surface made difficult by incessant rain, there was little room for artistry or style. That is to say Sion lovingly embraced the oul British weather.
As several of Liverpool's foul British we

more seasoned players had pointed out beforehand, Sion predictable references to rolling over the Swiss after the Reds' 2-1 victory away, there was filled to overflowing.

Just as in the previous was food for thought.

Liverpool's manager Roy | Evans, and the club captain John Barnes, had talked of complacency, the age-old enemy of all sides holding first-leg leads.

Rather sadly, no one seemed to have been paying attention, the warnings went hardly believe their good They opened as they had a fortnight earlier, lacerating

ingly it seemed James in Liv-erpool's goal would not reach Liverpool's five-man defence with a series of pacy assaults. it, but his right hand dropped at the death to turn the ball Seemingly confused by Sion's brashness, or perhaps

cheek. Liverpool fell back to brief, any sense of relief ill reassess the situation. It was a dangerous ploy that cried later Sion were in front on the out to be punished.
The advantage with which

was almost erased as early as defence split for the first, but not the last, time. Frederic Chassot's fine cross from the right landed on the head of Colombo and fleet-

night, level on aggregate and deservedly so. Christophe Bonvin's sprint

down the left ended with a crisp, low cross and Chassot would have struggled to miss from six yards. He did not, of

Worse was to follow. Three worse was to follow. Three minutes on and the diligent Swiss forged farther ahead. From a defensive perspective it was a disgraceful and ugly goal, Bonvin allowed to carry the ball forward unchallenged for some 30 yards before steering a flashing drive just | from the sodden turf after inside a post.

Commendably Liverpool steadied themselves and they were able to level the aggregate score in the 27th minute when Sion, foolishly, allowed Steve McManaman to arrive unannounced at the far post to poke in a McAteer cross. Thereafter Liverpool were belatedly overcome by a sense

of urgency. Berger and Scales went close and yet Liverpool's football was still lacking its usual direction and quality. Even so they drew level just nine minutes into the second

being fouled to sweep in a free-kick from 30 yards, one which the goalkeeper Leh-mann should have gathered. There was more to follow. Much more. After 64 minutes Chassot laid claim to his second goal of the night after

outpacing Matteo and then rounding James. However, within the space of six remarkable minutes of six remarkance minutes Liverpool were able to move the game well out of Sion's reach. Sixty seconds after Chaseot had struck, Barnes



Fowler struck twice in the space of 90 seconds to reinforce Liverpool's advantage before Berger scored in the last minute to make the tle

Wayward lad to get the benefit of **England's doubt**

David Lacey on a selection dilemma made trickier for Hoddle by Shearer's absence

newspaper allegations of wife- had a knee operation battering threatens to engulf vesterday. controversy since becoming national coach before his most difficult match yet, the World Cup qualifier against Georgia in Tbilisi tomorrow

After a series of discussions involving Hoddle, Gascoigne and Keith Wiseman, the chairman of the Football Association, the FA appears to have decided to give the player another chance.

But its reasons for reaching this conclusion, namely that there was no police complaint and that there was more to the alleged incident at the Gleneagles Hotel than met the eye in the press, are hardly calculated to mollify those who have been clamouring for Gascoigne's banishment. By next Wednesday the England coach may be glad to escape to Tbilisi, where he will

Hoddle should surely give serious thought to adding Claire Rayner to his England backroom staff. If Graham Taylor could employ a psy chologist to take care of his players' minds there must be a role here for the nation's leading agony aunt.

Consider the situation in which Hoddle has found himself. He has had to decide wife-beater while at the same time pondering the need to recall a confessed alcoholic

HE apparent inclu- i whose own marriage has sion of Faul Gas-coigne in the England squad today following ment for Gary Pallister, who

> As if the personal problems of Gascoigne and Adams were not enough, there is the added complication of Alan Shearer's absence and the question of who replaces him in the England attack. Compared to the other decisions he is having to make, this may be the least of Hoddle's difficulties. Les Ferdinand and Robbie

Fowler are both on form. With regard to Gascoigne, Hoddle has not been short of advice. For Gazzamania read Gazzaphobia. The nation's tearful hero is in danger of becoming football's Fatty Ar-buckle — loved one minute, loathed the next, But if the runes are correct he will be on the plane leaving Luton on

Wednesday morning.
The Gascoigne debate falls into two categories, the emotional and the practical. The first insists that Hoddle should be leaving him out of tures of a bruised-looking Mrs Gascoigne which have appeared in the press. The second argues that even before this the footballing case for dropping Gascoigne from the team had become

When Gascoigne appeared against Poland, his critics argue, he wanted to play the game at a perambulatory page McManaman. He seemed to moment looks secure

tre stage when the game was leaving him behind.

However, several factors look like keeping Gascoigne around a while longer: Hoddle's knowledge that he is still capable of turning a match through a single moment of inspiration, the fact that hearer's groin operation has left England short of experienced internationals, and a possible reluctance to risk Matthew Le Tissier at any stage of so awkward a game. No wise person will set much store by Gascoigne's

recent hat-trick against Motherwell. Gazza's mother could score a hat-trick against Motherwell. But without Shearer he is England's second leading scorer behind David Platt, and after a series of injuries the latter is not the player he was. Recalling Adams, now

recovered from another knee operation, and, in Shearer's absence, making him captain again would arouse less con-troversy. The Arsenal man European Championship and defended superbly, especially against Spain. Georgia look amply equipped to exploit the sort of

land's half at Wembley. Nemsadze and Gogichaishvili have already given Italy a fright and Kinkladze is no stranger to English defenders. So initially, at any rate, Thilisi is likely to be a defenfeels a player could be a defensive liability, he will not play him. This, as much as anything, could lose Gasyounger, quicker legs of ing line-up even though his David Beckham and Steve position in the squad, for the



Back on board . . . Adams, England's Euro 96 captain, may be recalled as captain RCHARD NAW

Pompey's Brady Brown squad coloured with doubt quits after rift Patrick Glenn on injury and eligibility

lionaire Portsmouth director who helped bring Park, has resigned from the board after a rult with the chairman Martin Gregory. Brady left in the wake of a Portsmouth's draw with Bir-

mingham on Tuesday.
"I have quit, as Martin Gregory and company demanded," said Brady, "I don't know the real reasons but I know the real real real leaf to the leaf t suspect it was that I asked too many questions." Brady had defended Terry Fenwick after Portsmouth's manager criti cised the board for not providing enough money for new

Tony Yeboah, out for seven months with knee trouble, will resume light training future".

ERRY BRADY, the mill with Leeds next week.

Itematic Portsmouth di Chris Woods, the former England goalkeeper, has joined Graeme Souness's Southampton on a four-month loan from the US club Colorado Rapids. Woods, 36, was signed by Souness for Rangers from Norwich 10 years ago.

Birmingham have signed Everton's full-back Matt Jackson on a month's loan but Gary Poole has pulled out of a planned £250,000 move from St Andrews to Charlton after

rejecting personal terms.
Fifa has ruled out splitting games into thirds or quarters. "It's definitely not going to happen," said its general sec-

worries before Scotland's Swedish date RAIG BROWN yester-

day named his Scotland squad for the World Cup qualifier with Sweden in the knowledge a good percent-age will be lost to injuries. Of the 23 players nominated for the Group Four match at Rangers pair, the goalkeeper Andy Goram and striker Ally McCoist, as well as Black-burn's defender Colin Hendry, are already serious

fitness doubts.

The matter of Gary McAllister's eligibility will remain unresolved until next Thursday, when Fifa examines the farcical events in Estonia just

over three weeks ago.

The Coventry midfielder was suspended for the match that never was after receiving

yellow cards against Austria and Latvia. But, until Fifa decides whether the Scots' fix-ture in Tallinn was fulfilled, McAllister's eligibility for the

Sweden game is in doubt. "The original fax from Fifa said quite specifically that he was banned from the Estonia match," said Brown. "If they decide the game should be replayed, it becomes a grey area. Does McAllister mis Sweden because it becomes the next game on our sched-ule, or does the original sus-

pension stand? The timing of the Fifa de cision won't affect us because through the normal prepara

play. Thursday will be time enough to hear whether be will be available."

Brown hopes that Duncan Ferguson, the Everton striker, will at last be ready to be given a run in the national side without the interrup tions which have restricted his appearances to only six in the last four years.

Ferguson played against
Austria in August but missed

the trip to Latvia and Estonia because of injury. He has missed recent games for Everton because of suspension but Brown expects him to play for his club on Monday and confirm his fitness.

"I hope this can be the birth of a proper international career for him, for our sake as well as his," Brown added. "We would like to have con-sistency of selection up front tions. We do general work at that stage, not specifically designed for the team that will he avoids injury.

'In my time as manager we have never played the same matches. Obviously that's not ideal. Ferguson missed Ever-ton's match last week because of suspension, so his fitness isn't the problem. Now that he's ready, let's hope he has no further

Hendry, who is recovering from a groin operation, is ex-tremely unlikely to face eden if he does not first make a comeback for Blackburn against Liverpool on

Sunday.

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United need

10th birthday as man-ager of Manchester United is in danger of becoming a wake. Having suf-fered their worst back-to-back league defeats for 60 years, United have now lost their 40year-old unbeaten home record in Europe to Fener-bance, who on Wednesday night won 1-0 at Old Trafford

in the Champions League.

The good news for Fargu-son is that the late shot from Elvir Bolic, Fenerbahce's Bosnian striker, which took a steep deflection off David May before looping beyond the reach of Peter Schmeichel, has not ended his current Champions League ambitions yet. United are still favourites Rapid Vienna 5-0 on Wednes day,in the quarter-finals.

Juventus, the holders, visit Old Trafford on November 20. A draw then and victory against Rapid Vienna in Austria on December 4 would take United through as run-

United would then have 10 points and, even if Fener-babce equalled this by beating ing Juventus in Turin, a rather more fanciful notion. United would still qualify because of their superior win-

ning margin (2-0) in Istanbul just over a fortnight ago. Conspiracy theorists might argue, moreover, that since it would suit Juventus's book to finish second and meet Porto, the likely Group D winners, rather than Milan, the probable runners-up, for a place in the semi-finals Marcello Lippi's side might adopt a casual approach at Old Trafford. But unless there is a radical imeven a half-paced Juventus

would struggle to lose. At the moment Ferguson is facing the uncomfortable

over Benfica, inspired by George Best, was followed by a sami-final defeat against Partizan Belgrade. Against Fenerbahce United played the first half in neutral and theregear. Having failed to produce a shot on target during Sep-tember's 1-0 defeat in Turin. they now denied themselves the simple luxury of a halfdecent cross. Ryan Giggs was

Not that Ferguson is en-tirely blameless. His record second to none. With Aber-deen and United he has gathered as many medals and campaign ribbons as a Soviet general. But in the Champions League his strategy is still flawed.

Around Old Trafford crit-

cising Ferguson is roughly akin to questioning the divine right of kings at the court of Louis XIV. But his apparent Cantona to combine the talents of Athos, Porthos, Aramis and D'Artagnan as a centre-forward when the Frenchman cannot fill the role as adequately as Mark misplaced.

In Istanbul Ole Solskjaer was a decisive influence. making important contributions to both goals. Yet on Wednesday Ferguson left the young Norwegian on the bench, preferring to flank Cantona with Jordi Cruyff, who missed a series of chances, and Karel Poborsky. who is rapidly becoming the Czech equivalent of Barry Silkman, a name which still sends shudders through Maine Road

By the time Solskjaer and Paul Scholes replaced Cruyff and Poborsky in the second half United were attacking more in fading hope than realistic anticipation.

Swimming

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Leeds sign Kittle Garage

truth that his burning ambi-tion to win the European Cup is unlikely to be fulfilled in went surgery on his left knee the near future. yesterday, available for the On Wednesday he was engame in Vienna.

Clubs receive details of TV deal that should settle cash dispute

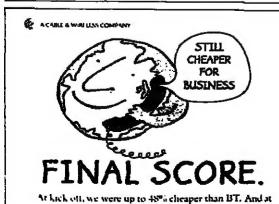
THE Nationwide League's League decided to scrap a traditional regulation enreceived details of the provisional deal struck between the Football League and the Professional Footballers' Association to settle their dispute over television cash. The League is believed to have offered the PFA £1.3 million, with around half to be paid

rubber-stamped at a meet-ing of the clubs on Novem-

cent of any TV deal.
The League had negotiated a deal worth £125 miltion over five years with Sky for live coverage of Na-tionwide League games, and the PFA would have been entitled to £2.5 mil-lion a year under the tradi-tional 10 per cent arrangement. The union had agreed to accept £550,000

immediately.
The deal, which should be ber 14, ended a dispute which erupted when the give them 5.2 per cent.

under the previous TV deal and the compromise would



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Sport in brief

Rugby Union

David Campese will open his Wallabies tour on the right wing against the combined Glasgow-Edinburgh XV at Old Anniesland tomorrow. The holder of a record 100 caps will play outside the likely Test centre combina-tion of Daniel Herbert and Pat Howard while the lock David Giffen, who impressed in the midweek victory over Scotland A, is given a quick chance to book a Test place.

Table Tennis

A leg injury has forced Matthew Syed out of the England team for the Italian Open starting today in Bolzano, the seventh event in the World Professional Grand Prix series, where Carl Prean is to make his return to the national colours after a 17-

month boycott.

pean League promotion match with Slovakia at Crewe

Lancashire's Lora Fairclough hit belated form after a poor season with a two-under-par 70 yesterday to go joint second in the Spanish Open after yesterday's first round at La Manga. Her compatriot Trish Johnson, favourite to win a fourth title of the year. shot 72, three strokes behind the South African leader Caryn Louw.

Fairclough, who failed to retain her Solhelm Cup place last summer, said: "I was devastated missing out but I put too much pressure on myself. But life is fun again now. I hit 17 greens in regulation

Tennis

Monica Seles took only 49 minutes to win her first match back after a month off Syed, the England No. 1, to rest her sore shoulder.

hopes to be fit for the Euro- | beating Elena Likhovtseva 6-2. 6-1 in the Ameritech Cup The world joint No. I, who overpowered the 21-year-old Russian with her cross-court shots, said: "I have a tear in the shoulder and eventually I'll have to have surgery."

In the LTA Edinburgh Challenger Sussex's Julie Pullin beat the national champion Clare Wood 6-2, 6-1 to earn a quarter-final today against the Czech top seed Denisa Chladkova.

Squash

Norfolk's Cassie Jackman has become the leading European woman in the latest world rankings after her two recent wins over the deposed world champion Michelle Martin. who lost her No. 1 spot after 8% years to her fellow Australian Sarah Fitz-Gerald. WOMMER'S TOP TIEN (Aus unless stated)
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Asia's

HE days when Europe's best players could plun-der at will on overseas

tours are well and truly over. Colin Montgomerie accepted as much after an opening 69 in the Affred Dunhill Masters at Fanling yesterday left him five shots behind Kang Wooksoon, his Asian PGA Omega

soon, his Asian PGA Omega
Tour counterpart.
Korea's newest star
sparkled with an eagle and
six birdies, only to be deprived of a well-merited lead
by the New Zealander Paul
Devenport, whose eightunder-par 63 took him to
within a stroke of the course
record set by Nick Ealdo in

record set by Nick Faldo in the Johnnie Walker Classic

six years ago.

Bernhard Langer was the best of the imported luminaries with 66 but Severiano Ballesteros and Ernie Els could

do no better than match the In recent seasons Montgo-merie has been almost invin-

cible in Europe, where he has just been crowned No. 1 number one for the fourth year running. He has won 10 tournaments and had 47 top-10 finishes since the cost of 1000

ishes since the start of 1993. In addition to in-form Asians and Antipodeans, he

had to contend yesterday with jet-lag, an unexpected

and the shock of starting with a double bogey when he

needed two shots to get out of a greenside bunker. But four birdies cemented his

recovery and he was back in 32 after holing putts of 10ft and 15ft at the 15th and 16th. "The standard of play on this circuit is much better

than people on the European Tour think," he said. "There

is a lot of good golf being

played elsewhere in the world

and it is not as easy as it used

to be, especially when it takes

Langer, who has more experience of world travel, was

cooler and more collected after switching from the short

putter he employed at Valderrama last week to the long one he first used in Paris in

September. The German

claimed seven birdies, five of them in a homeward 31 on the

look like indecision," he

remarked, " but I am now go-ing by the kind of roll I get on

the greens and the long club

is the best for this week. At

the next tournament it might

Els had to do without a

practice round after travel-

ling halfway round the world

in the opposite direction from the US Tour Championship in

Tulsa. He overcame a mid-

round lapse of concentration

by achieving a brace of birdie

twos on the inward half. Ballesteros is still strug-

gling in most departments. His putting was uninspired and he was twice unable to

recover after missing greens with pitching clubs. At the

last he was unplayable in the trees but wedged a foot from the flag and in the end

dropped only one shot. The 30-year-old Devenport,

from Wellington, has been playing for the past five years

on the Canadian Tour where the rising American Steve

ing. The Kiwi, who had eight

birdies, will parade his tal-ents on a wider stage when he

later this month.

Hong Kong Open in 1991 "Changing putters may

best

Michael Britten in Hong Kong

Clubs ready to take RFU cash and run

Robert Armstrong says resistance to Twickenham's £8m offer is crumbling

HE majority of Eng-land's leading clubs want to accept the peace deal offered by the Rugby Football Union and bring to an end the bitter nine-month dispute that has prevented them receiving RFU cash this season. Yesterday RFU sources

claimed that support for the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) has been crumbling fast during the past week among members who fear for the viability of their own clubs.

Epruc's threat to initiate

legal action against the RFU and the International Board has resulted in a flood of anxious phone calls to Twicken-ham from club officials who do not wish to be party to an expensive legal battle against their own union. In addition the clubs are divided over the question of whether to make question of whether to make players and grounds available for RFU divisional fixtures.

A meeting involving Epruc, the RFU and BSkyB, due to take place in London yesterday, did not go ahead, mainly because the RFU was not convinced the satellite television company could play an effective role as a mediator in

Sam Chisholm, the BSkyB chief executive, is understood to have offered his services as a broker on the basis of his company's contract with the RFU which the clubs have yet

No fresh date has been set for further round-table talks following the breakdown of an RFU-Epruc meeting 10 days ago but Twickenham remains optimistic that the dispute will be settled by the end of this month.

Wednesday's meeting at Twickenham between the top 24 clubs and the RFU to consider the peace offer was described by union sources as "useful and productive".

The financial pressure on clubs the meiotier the peace of them

clubs, the majority of whom are deeply concerned about their ability to honour play-ers' contracts, has persuaded a large number that it would be prudent to accept the £8 million on offer from the RFU for this seaso

While the dispute has dragged on, most of the clubs have engaged in stringent cost-cutting exercises which have covered everything from players' wages to heating and players' wages to heating and

catering bills.
Epruc's refusal to co-operate with the RFU's pro-

gramme of divisional fixtures will not only deny individual players a £500 match fee but also deprive clubs of the sub-stantial revenue they would have received for leasing out their grounds to the RFU.

Many players are uneasy about their probable absence from divisional matches because the RFU has made it clear they will be used to assess the form of England condidence. candidates. North selectors are to test

the resolve of Epruc by selecting all but two players from the top two leagues. The exceptions are the former Wigan and Halifax rugby league winger Mark Preston, now with Fylde, and the Leeds prop Mike Shelley. The North open their programme in Huddersfield against Queensland on November 20 and meet the New Zepland Revisions the New

Zealand Barbarians there five days later.



Still struggling \dots . Severiano Ballesteros follows the progress of a wayward shot at the 10th

Tour replaces the divots

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6-8: Sarazen World Open
19-2-3: World Cup of Golf, Kim
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Championship*

Ireland give Topping and Henderson the green light

HE London Irish cen-tre Rob Henderson and the Ballymena wing James Topping will win their first caps against Western Samoa at Lans-downe Road on November 12, the first rugby union match to be played under floodlights in Ireland.

Topping, who normally plays his club rugby on the right wing, has been selected on the left, and Henderson's promotion follows his try-coring appearance for an Ireland XV against the Barbarians last season.

The Irish recall Saracens' No. 8 Paddy Johns, with Victor Costello now out of

for quite a proportion of any match and we need No. 8s who can put in tackles."

Harlequins' hooker Keith Wood is one of six full internationals chosen for Ireland A, along with Conor O'Shea, Mark McCall, Niall Woods,

lier sessions but missed the most recent through injury. Rowell plans to anfavour. The London Irish nounce the England cap-

at full-back, with Jason Robinson reverting to the wing in place of the Eng-land international Jon Sleighthoime. The tight-bead prop John Mallett and the flanker Nathan Thomas

navour. The London Irish player is named only as a replacement for Ireland A., who will play the Junior Springboks at neighbouring Donnybrook on the name day.

"We left out Costello because his activity level in defence is not high emough." Said the team manager Pat Whelan. "We'll be defending in Italy tomogrow. Bath tomogrow. Bath tomogrow. Bath tomogrow. Bath tomogrow. Bath tomogrow. Bath the Manager Pat Whelan. "We'll be defending in Italy tomogrow. Bath tomogrous the manager play to partner against Treviso in Italy tomogrow. Bath tomogrous the manager play to partner against Treviso in Italy tomogrow. Bath tomogrous the manager play to partner against Treviso in Italy tomogrow. Bath to find the manager play to partner against Treviso in Italy tomogrow. Bath to find the team to face recommend surgery.

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GB tap Smith's coach

DECISION to invite to Britain the coach who was the inspiration behind Michelle Smith's three gold medals for Ireland at the Atlanta Olympic Games has been welcomed, even though he is serving a drugs

suspension.

The Dutch discus thrower Erik de Bruin, now Smith's husband, was banned from athletics for four years after resting positive for testosterone in 1998. He has been invited by the Briftish Swimming Coaches Association to explain his training methods at their annual conference in January.

Smith's performances in Atlanta, when she became the first Irishwoman to win an Olympic medal, aplit the testing positive for testoster-one in 1998. He has been in-

Rugby League

EEDS' new owners Paul

Caddick and Gary Hether-

ington promised on Tuesday that some "exciting" signings would be made in the forth-

coming weeks and though

Neil Kite does not quite fit

Kite is a highly rated 18-

year-old centre who has joined Leeds from the Barrow

Island amateur club after

Buils, Halifax, Wigan and

Warrington.
"Our plan is to build for the

Paul Fitzpatrick

phatically does.

sport. She ended the Games | legal limit. He claimed irreguwith three golds and a bronze, claiming the new athletics, style training regimes de-signed for her by De Bruin were behind her remarkable rise from relative obscurity at the age of 26. But there were open accusations from Ameri-

cans of drug abuse.

Deryk Snelling the new national performance director of British swimming. "If someone has been that successful with a swimmer, I'm most interested in finding

larities in the testing system but the International Amarefused to lift the ban. He has since concentrated

on working with Smith whom he met in Barcelona during the 1992 Olympic Gemes — claiming his knowledge of physiology allowed him to coach her in a way no other swimmer had ever been

sined before.

Snelling, who coached Smith for two years while based in Canada, dismissed the suspicions which accompanied her success in Atlanta. "The Americans had a lot of competitors in Atlanta who had served drug suspen-sions," he said. "One of them was the captain of their women's swim team and won medals, but she received no

Kipper Williams struggles but Wales stay wide awake

David Davies on the Collingtree fiasco's

marked effect on Europe's 1997 schedule

the scheduling for the 1997 PGA European Tour.

In September the British

Masters at Collingtree Park was played on greens which were a disgrace and caused

the greenkeeper to offer his resignation three times dur-

ing the event. It was refused and no one has subsequently lost his job over the presenta-

tion of a tournament that was

so bad the players were of-fered their entry fees back.

But yesterday, at the an-nouncement of next year's events, it was acknowledged

by the executive director of the Tour Ken Schofield that

watershed for administrators

and players alike. "We had a disaster," he said, "but we faced up to it right from the

day after it finished."
One effect is that next year's schedule has appeared without any venues, as Tour

HE rumblings and | ters. Schofield's deputy

repercussions of the Collingtree Affair have affected the whole of cheduling for the 1997

other course."

One that will definitely not

be used is Collingtree. "The course has been suspended," said Schofield, "Almost

everything about it is fine

and improving. But the ex-

pert we called in to inspect the greens said that they had not been built to the specifica-

tions we had expected and that they were a disaster waiting to happen. It needs time to prove it can handle tournament-speed greens."

He added: "Collingtree fractured the confidence of all

tured the confidence of all

concerned and we are now at-

tempting to rebuild it. We talked to 96 players at the Swiss Open the following.

week and got their feedback and we think we have had

some pretty good tourna-ments since."

Another course whose im-mediate future is in doubt is

officials investigate every Schloss Nippenburg — like will be reviewed. We can see possibility of improving mat- Collingtree part owned by the it borders on the silly."

ARK WILLIAMS won the \$60,000 first prize in the Grand Prix at Bournecaught the Monday morning flight to Bangkok, took a sleeping pill and slept not only until his arrival but for

most of the next day.
Unfortunately he has hardly been able to sleep since and dropped two frames as Wales opened their challenge for the Castrol. Honda World Cup with a 6-3 win over the Netherlands at the Amari Watergate hotel Darren Morgan, with three frames, and Anthony Davies,

with two, were the weightier

Weish scorers.
Williams could easily have lost all three of his frames but started with a black-ball win over Johan Oenema after sitting out the Dutchman's initial 58 break. In this group, the tightest of the four, Australia scored a potentially significant second win at the expense of Malts, 5-4.
Quinten Bann, their tal-ented 18-year-old No. 2, who

amateur success and of disciplinary reverses, won his three frames. Hann, who was only 13

when he made a century break on Sky TV in the World Under-16 Championship, had a run of 63 in recovering from 0-48 to beat Tony Drago to level the match at 2-2, and from 0-22 took the decider against Joe Grech in consecutive scoring visits of 54

The Republic of Ireland

went top of Group A by turning a 2-1 deficit into a 7-2 win over Belgium to follow their 6-3 victory over New Zealand. The Ireland captain Ken Doherty, playing despite a stomach upset, turned his team's fortunes round after they found themselves 2-1 down early on against Bel-gium when Fergal O'Brien and Stephen Murphy both

Doherty, a Dubliner, won the first frame of the match on the black and went on to win his following two games. He said: "I am still feeling very shivery and shaky but we've got a great team spirit and I don't want to let anyone has a lengthy record both of down."

lost frames.

Sports Politics

Cour and venue this year to

the German Open — which was criticised by the players

for being too easy. More work is being done to toughen up

the course but it may not be

ready by June, the scheduled

tournament time.
The Tour also addressed the extraordinary shenani-gans that resulted from the

rule insisting that injured

players have to "compete" to collect their bonus money in

the season-ending Volvo Mas-

ters. This year Robert Al-lenby undertook a 25,000-mile

round trip from Melbourne even though he could barely lift either arm after a car

crash which left him with a

broken sternum. He hit one

shot that ensured his third

place in the Volvo rankings and departed with £73,000,

which he promptly donated to

O'Grady said: "We are run-

ning a hard, professional sport, in a hard, commercial

world. These days players can sneeze and get themselves doctor's certificates. Some

rule is necessary to get every-

one to compete but the pres-

ent rule was not intended for the Allenby situation and it

charity.

£100m Academy draws 25 bids

THE deadline for bids to run the planned National Academy of Sport with up to £100 million of Lottery funding — passed yesterday with 25 organisations entering.

"The most exciting thing that has happened to British sport" was the way Howard Wells, chief executive of the new UK Sports Council, greeted this latest step on the long and much mulled-over scheme, though he had the worldy wisdom to add "is coming

on the drawing board". Wells' council and the Department of National Heritage will now draw up a shortlist of the candidate bids for the academy. which will have a central site linked to regional centres, and hope to announce a decision by late January. One heavyweight bidder, the British Olympic Associ-

ation, unveils its plans on Monday at a House of Com-Douglas Hurd. "It's a tremendous oppor

tunity to pull together facil-ities, coaching and sports services," said Wells.

Owais, the lad, rescues low-scoring England A

their tour in the four-day match with a New South Wales XI yesterday. The Mid-dlesex schoolboy Shah, 18 last week, top-scored and hit 11 fours as the tourists slumped to 155 for nine before, after 69.2 overs, a hail storm halted play in Tamworth, some 200 miles north-west of Sydney. Stuart MacGill, rated by many as the best Australian leg-spinner behind Shane

Warne, claimed four for 43, while the left-arm spinner Dave Freedman took two for 21 to leave Shah with the bur-den of attempting to rescue the innings.

WAIS SHAH hit a composed 76 to save England with Shah as the rest of England A from a disastrous start to their tour in the four-day liver against a New South Wales side that included only three players with State experience.

Derbyshire have faxed the 17 other first-class counties making it clear they intend to hang on to their exciting batsman Chris Adams, who has two years still to run on his contract. The 26-year-old Ad-ams, who had his best season in 1996, scoring 1,742 runs, was the subject of an approach by Sussex and other counties are reported to be interested.

"Under no circumstances will he be allowed to leave Yorkshire's Craig White while he is under contract to made England's only other Derbyshire," said the coun-Derbyshire," said the counnotable contribution, scoring ty's chairman Mike Horton.

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Anthony Foley and Ben Jack Rowell, the England coach, has added the un-capped Wasps back-row for-ward Peter Scrivener to an

for next Wednesday's train-ing at Bisham Abbey. Scrivener attended ear-

are recalled.

Bristol's former British ions scrum-half Robert Jones faces six months out of action. He is in hospital in Swansea undergoing traction therapy for a col-lapsed disc in his back and, if the treatment proves un-

Leeds sign Kite and wait on Blackmore It looks increasingly likely that Biackmore, one of the world's most dangerous centres, will follow Kite to Hea-

dingley now that St Helens have withdrawn from the David Howes, the St Helens chief executive, confirmed that his club had lost interest after making the player "a massive offer within the con-

into that category yet, Richie Blackmore, the 27-year-old New Zealand Test back, emtext of our salary scale. "We are a big club and, if Richie couldn't give us an answer then we do not have time to wait. We have other players in mind we wish to Blackmore was at Castle-

rejecting offers from Bradford Blackmore was at Castleford before moving to Auckland Warriors but they
released him from his contract because his English wife
was unable to settle in New
Zeeland Blackmore played in
the first Test against Great
Britain in Auckland two "Our plan is to build for the future and we see Neil as an important part of our plans in that area," said Hetherington. The coach Dean Bell added: "Neil has all the attributes in the startbutes are a long way in Britain in Auckland two required to go a long way in the professional game."

Wigan have been given permission to talk to Lee Penny, the Warrington and former Great Britain Under-21 fullplayers the club are considering as they look to strengthen

back. He is one of a number of their squad for the new sea-son. The 22-year-old Penny was put up for transfer at £120,000 but Wigan could se-cure him for a good deal Oldham Bears have found a

solution to their financial problems. The directors will now put another £50,000 into the club and increase per-sonal guarantees at the bank from £100,000 to £200,000. In turn the bank will it-crease the club's overdraft from £350,000 to £500,000 to see the Bears through a criti-cal period until the second year's money from News Cor-poration, the backers of Super League, starts to come through in January.

Sports Guardian

Making a meal



Flight path . . . Robble Fowler of Liverpool leaves Raphael Wicky standing in the European Cup Winners' Cup tie at Anfield last night. Fowler scored twice as Liverpool lived dangerously, twice coming from behind against the Swiss side Sion before going into the third round 8–4 on aggregate. Match report, page 24

Hoddle sticks by Gascoigne

Martin Thorpe on the England coach's invitation to criticism by picking his controversial midfielder for the Georgia game

women's groups and some football critics by including Paul Gascoigne in his squad for Eng-land's World Cup qualifier in

Questions have been raised about the appropriateness of aflowing Gascoigne to represent his country, especially abroad, following allegations that he had beaten up his wife Sheryl two weeks ago.

But after lengthy discusnons, including a final most-ing vesterday between Hod-dle, the Football Association's

LENN HODDLE its chief executive Graham that Hoddle's discussions will this morning Kelly, it was agreed to back with Gascoigne and others risk the wrath of the England coach's decision close to him have presented a to pick the errant Rangers midflelder for the game on November 9.

Several factors are said to have persuaded Hoddle not to allow Gascoigne's private af-fairs to influence what is considered to be a footballing decision. Sources close to Hoddle say that the coach's main concern has always been for Gascoigne and his family, and he had noted that no one, not even Sheryl Gascoigne, had complained to the police about the alleged incident.

elevated public position after this. Glenn Hoddle would be giving a message out to other players that he doesn't take it

"To take this attitude to domestic violence is to minimise the effect it has on women and deny the fact that more complicated picture surrounding the allegations than originally surfaced. Thirdly, it's a criminal act by someone who is a public figure and a role model for boys and young Gascoigne is reported to be seeking professional help. However, even an explana-tion of all these factors when

Sandra Horley, chief executive of the women's rights campaigners Refuge, agreed. "He doesn't seem to have a genuine desire to after his be-haviour or publicly acknowlthe squad is announced in the decision to include edge that it's wrong for any man to hit his wife under any circumstances," she said. "He's a national hero and a

role model for youngsters and, if it is true that Gazza

him to represent England clusion in the England squad overseas can only give the impression that wife-beating is acceptable in the UK."

The decision to include Gascoigne was taken after lengthy talks between the parties con-cerned, with Hoddle speaking on numerous occasions to the player, his Rangers manager Walter Smith and other close

It was never a case of the FA imposing a decision on Hoddle even though it possesses that ultimate power. As Hoddle conducted his developed in the conducted his decision in the conducted his decision. talled investigations into Gas-coigne's form, litness, state of mind and the allegations against the player, he liaised regularly with Wiseman.

It might also be argued that the critics are once again picking on Gascolgne. No-body is condemning any in-

of a hunger for the trivial



Vincent Hanna

monthly meeting of the Trivia Dining Club last night. It is devoted to the worship of the ephemeral and the gluttonous. Our motto is: "Even a single hair casts a shadow - especially in the soup."

Most of the members are politicians or journalists, so there is a lot of shop-talk. "I am not one to quote Nabokov, said Fiona, a radio producer whose complete collection of Hello magazines is much envied, "but it is true that a toothache can cost a battle, a drizzle cancel an

She was complaining about the sudden elevation of the ba nal in our society. 'I come here to discuss meaningless rubbish and I find it on the genda for Prime Minister's

Michael, a head teacher, seethed: "I turned up to have a silly giggle about caning. Now half the Conservative party wants to encourage it — or do

it personally." it personany.

I brought up rugby, which is being choked by trivia. It has been a great season. Perhaps you were lucky enough to see Wasps v Toulouse or Harlequins v Neath. Maybe you caught a glimpse of Jason Robinson at full-back for Bath on Tuesday. Yet the game's iministrators tumble about like hamsters on a treadmill,

locked into an argument about ownership that is as pointless as it is boring. Donald Kerr of Harlequins and Epruc says they are think-

ing of an appeal to the EC Competition Directorate. "Rugby clubs are small businesses," he said, "and cannot trade properly. The RFU has sold our TV rights over our heads and try to tell us where and what to play." There should be joint con-trol of the game by the RFU

and Epruc but the Interna-tional Board should be the boss," said Peter Brook of the RFU executive. While they go yah and boo at each other, television money promised to small clubs is withheld. It will serve them right if Rupert Murdoch switches to lacrosse.

was sober. I couldn't believe the old monster was back. I can't cope with the fear of him hitting me again." But all this is nothing to my curiosity about Gazza. Wife-

England's last game against Poland she had a blazing row

with the reforming alcoholic.
"He said he'd kill me," she

claimed. "I went cold with

shock because I realised he

could be like this when he

beating is never trivial but for two weeks there has been a concerted effort to make it seem so. This is my 80th column and I have had noth-ing like the reaction that last reek's produced. I received more than 50 let-

ters, calls and e-mails about the Gazza case, 12 of them basically saying the same thing: 'Look, I hold no brief for wife-beating. But we don't know all the facts, do we? And there's a certain type of woman who is attracted to sports stars; they quite like being knocked

about." Otherwise sensible men have spoken thus, too. It hap-pened again last night. Most added that the allegations about Geoffrey Boycott over the last two weeks have rais him in their estimation: "At least he's not as boring now.

EVERAL people called to assure me sonal things about the Gascoigne case that cannot be

I know the Football Associa tion examined the facts before it approved Gascoigne's squad selection for the game against Georgia. No doubt it acted in good faith. But it would help-ful if it informed a puzzled public, especially women, of its criteria and the standards

it is trying to set.
For example, it might tell us
for what sort of behaviour it would disqualify a player. Eric Cantona merited a sixmonth suspension; Dennis Wise was left out of an Eng-land squad by Terry Venables pending a trial for assault; we hear that an England player may face investigation for baring a portion of his bum.

How would the FA regard shoplifting, indecent expo-sure, support for the IRA? Suppose a player burnt a Union Jack or insulted the Queen — could he play for England? Is there a line? Where does the FA draw it? Does it matter only whether the offender was wearing a football shirt at the time? Are women less important targets than footballers or taxi drivers?

Once upon a time I defended a taxi driver who had beaten up his girlfriend. I entered a plea of guilty and pointed out that, although he had a re-cord, the two were now reconciled, she had started the fight and taunted him. Besides, she was one of those women who are attracted to violent men. "Thank you," said the

judge. "I accept what you say. But the law is there to protect foolish women as well as sen-sible ones." And he gave him

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Set by Fidelio



London this morning is un-likely to silence critics of

Gascoigne. Julie Bundel, spokeswoman

for an international confer-



- at tea-time,sweetheart (8) 9 & 22acr Part of the Houdin
- contract? (6,6) 10 Laurel's second cure (4) 11 Barinstructions - swift
- justice? (5,5)
- 12 Hold the queen to be a complainer (5) 14 One follower looked at
- Janus, say (3-5) 15 This time, Jean's day, January 3rd is put back (7) 17 Show like "The Band
- Wagon* that carried one away? (?) 20 Fancy two drinks first and cards? (3,5)
- 22 See 9 23 Such evidence is of the end
- 26 Lank's allow
- Down
- 1 Pearl could be sophisticated (8)
- 2 Principal ocean (4)
- 3 German who is not overweight? (6)
- 4 Go between broads and those ends (7) 5 Welsh and English students
- have completed to gain approval (4,4) 6 Mark "L"'s article denoting
- fever (10) 7 A fiream for each (6) 13 One lengthens for cateroi
- 16 Artist and Frenchman save an exotic fruit (8)

runs (6)

construction area (4)

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